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## TIENTSIN FEARS.

### CHIHLI DEFBAT CREATES SERIOUS POSITION.

#### HEAVY FIGHTING.

Shanghai, Dec. 22.

A wireless message from Tientsin says that after heavy artillery fire from the Kuomintang lines, this morning, at three o'clock, they attacked in force on the whole line from Hankow village to Meichang, driving Gen. Li Ching-shan's forces back to the reserve lines between Beitang and Hsilitow.

The Chihli forces were driven back from four to five kilometres and there are indications that the Chihli defence is breaking down as they are outnumbered by three to one. Gen. Feng's forces are expected to reach Tientsin to-morrow or even to-night. However, Gen. Li Ching-shan left for the front this afternoon to organise a last stand. —Reuter.

#### MORE JAPANESE TROOPS.

Tokyo, Dec. 22.

The Government is sending immediately from Port Arthur, 200 troops to Tientsin making the total garrison up to 550 men. It is stated that the situation is somewhat precarious in the Tientsin district. —Reuter.

#### AN EXPLANATION.

For the sake of clearer understanding, it should be explained that the Kuomintang forces are those being operated by Gen. Feng Yu-shiang, and that the Chihli forces are those of Gen. Li Ching-shan. It was stated in yesterday's Telegrams from Tokyo that Marshal Chang Tso-lin's troops were retreating, and the news from the north might, therefore, be summed up as amounting to the success of Feng Yu-shiang all along the various fronts. With the elimination of Chang Tso-lin and Li Ching-shan, Gen. Feng becomes even more than ever the great power in the northern situation.

## TO POISON EUROPEAN?

### CASE AGAINST AMAH WITHDRAWN.

A deliberate attempt to introduce poison into her master's food, was the allegation brought against a wash-amah in the employ of a European resident of Kowloon, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Mr. J. T. Prior appeared for the defence.

The defendant was alleged to have been seen with some salts of lemon, the presence of which was detected in some cooked lobster, by the cook, as he was in the act of serving the dish at meal-time.

Inspector Cashman asked leave to withdraw the case, remarking that there was no direct evidence connecting the defendant with the offence. The analyst's report showed that the food contained 3.13 grains of salts of lemon, a fatal dose being 200 grains.

The defendant was accordingly discharged.

## OPIUM POSSESSION.

### CARGO COOLIE SENTENCED.

A cargo coolie was charged with the unlawful possession of ten tins of prepared opium, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Police Court this morning.

It was stated that the defendant left the s.s. Sai On at 8 o'clock last night. He was searched by a Chinese Revenue Officer and the opium was found concealed under his clothing.

The defendant admitted the charge. He was fined \$1,000, or

## RUSSIA AND TURKEY.

### DETAILS OF TREATY.

Moscow, Dec. 22.

The press publishes the text of the Turco-Soviet Treaty concluded in Paris on December 17 between M. Chicherin and Tewfik Rushdi "tending to strengthen the exceptional friendship uniting Turkey and the Soviet" and stipulating that, if one is attacked, the other will remain neutral in relation to the first. Each undertakes to refrain from attacking the other and will not participate in any political union or agreement with one or several third parties directed against the other contracting party, nor any similar union or agreement directed against the military or naval safety of the other party.

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## WORLD DISARMAMENT.

### MR. COOLIDGE STUDYING THE QUESTION.

Washington, Dec. 22.

President Coolidge is drawing up a reply to the invitation to the United States to attend a preliminary discussion on disarmament. It is stated at the White House that his study of the question is "of a constructive and affirmative nature."

Senator King has introduced a resolution in the Senate in favour of authorising the United States to participate in the disarmament conference. —Reuter's American Service.

#### SOVIET ATTITUDE.

Paris, Dec. 22.

The *Matin* states that the Soviet Government will take part in the Disarmament Conference if it is held outside of Switzerland and adds that confidence is felt regarding the result of the negotiations which will take place in Paris in January, in spite of difficulties. —Indepacif.

## CANTON MEETING.

### FIVE RESOLUTIONS PASSED.

A mass meeting was held on the 20th inst., at the East Parade ground, outside Canton. There were three platforms erected for the speakers from which to address the people. The speakers were prominent members of the Government and the Kuomintang, and following resolutions were passed:

- 1st. To combine with the people of the whole country to overthrow Tuan Chi-jui and Chang Tso-lin so as to construct a Nationalist Government.
  - 2nd. To telegraph to Feng Yu-shiang asking him to declare his policy.
  - 3rd. To urge Kuo Sung-ling not to allow Chang Tso-lin to retrace his footsteps.
  - 4th. To stand firm on the terms and conditions for a settlement of the strike.
  - 5th. To punish Lin Sum and Chau Loo for rebelling against the Kuomintang, and "selling the country."
- After the meeting a big procession went through the main streets, distributing clerical notices.

## DARING PIRACY.

### CAPTURE OF THE "TUNGCHOW".

#### LATEST DETAILS.

The China Navigation Company's steamer *Tungchow* put unexpectedly into Hongkong harbour yesterday evening, and her crew and passengers had a sensational story to tell of piracy on the high seas, involving the serious wounding of the master of the vessel, Capt. W. McIntosh. The coup was carried out by members of the notorious gang of pirates whose headquarters are in Blas Bay, near Hongkong.

The *Tungchow* is ordinarily on the run between Shanghai and Tientsin, via Weihaiwei, but owing to her seizure by pirates, those aboard had an involuntary and exciting voyage to the south. The route adopted by the gang was the well-known one of going on to the ship in the guise of passengers, and apparently they had no difficulty in smuggling their arms on board at Shanghai, where they had evidently proceeded for the purpose of their carefully-planned piracy.

A *Telegraph* representative, interviewing one of the passengers this morning, learned that it was the firing of two shots at the unfortunate master which first conveyed to the passengers that something was amiss. As far as they were able to gather, he was confronted by a Chinese carrying a revolver and was wounded in a plucky attempt to tackle the intruder. Passengers in the saloon rushed to the door, but by this time the pirates had control of all vantage points and they were ordered back with the curt intimation that whilst they remained passive all would be well.

The vessel left Shanghai about eleven o'clock on the night of Dec. 17th, bound for Weihaiwei, and all went well until shortly after six o'clock the next morning, when shots suddenly rang out and the pirates, numbering about 25, proceeded to take possession of the ship.

#### THE SEIZURE.

There could be no resistance of any kind against the sudden attack by men who were armed with pistols and knives, and before many minutes had passed the *Tungchow* was under pirate control. Certain of the officers who were nearby at the time the shooting began were discouraged from resisting by finding themselves facing leveled pistol barrels, and their arms were removed from the cabins. The captain, along with all those on board, was hurt, he being shot in the groin, and injuring his ankle severely in falling. None of the other bullets which were fired hit anybody, and as there was no panic the whole affair was soon over.

Taking full command, and preventing communication with passing steamers, the pirates had the ship turned about and steered for Hongkong. She arrived at Blas Bay about two o'clock yesterday afternoon, where the gang disembarked with a big booty, and the ship came on to this port, arriving off Taikoo shortly before seven o'clock. The police authorities were then apprised of the affair.

#### THE PIRATES' HAIL.

The freebooters got away with a big haul, estimated at \$40,000 in value, made up of \$30,000 worth of silver bullion, and about \$10,000 worth of passengers' money, jewellery and personal effects. Some of the passengers succeeded in hiding part of their money, and thus eluded the search.

There were several ladies among the European passengers, one of

## CONSTABLE'S LAPSE.

### UNFIT FOR DUTY.

A European police constable's lapse was revealed at the Central Police Court this morning, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, when P. C. Charles Edward Taylor appeared to answer two charges. The first was of being drunk and unfit for duty on December 21st, and the second of being absent from his station of duty without leave on December 22nd. Defendant admitted both charges.

Deputy Superintendent D. Burlingham said the defendant was enlisted in England in March, 1924, and passed a medical examination. Later it had been discovered that he was suffering from a disease of the eyes, and he was told that he would either have to resign or go before a medical board. He said he would resign, but he went away, a few days ago without handing in his formal resignation, with the idea of getting a position elsewhere in Hongkong.

Apparently he did not get a position, and the result was that he had too much drink, and on December 21st he could not go on duty. Last night he did not turn up for duty at West Point.

The defendant said he had nothing to say.

Mr. Lindsell, who had been handed a copy of the man's record, said it was a bad one. He would be fined \$50, or three weeks on each charge.

On the *Tungchow's* arrival here, the police immediately took charge, and the captain's injuries were tended by Surgeon-Lieut. Neil, of H.M.S. *Petersfield*, and Dr. W. V. M. Koch, who went aboard with the C. N. C. superintendent engineer, Mr. F. W. James of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire. It was arranged to have Capt. McIntosh removed to the Peak Hospital.

#### THE PASSENGERS.

The European passengers, who included Mr. H. G. W. Woodford, the editor of the *Peking and Tientsin Times*, Mr. R. H. Sharp, the Rev. F. X. Ford, Mr. E. G. Webster, Mr. J. C. Gamble, Mrs. McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. Emmott, Mr. R. B. McAfee, Mrs. St. J. Walsh, Mrs. F. Murch, the Rev. Father S. Lafaki, and Mr. and Mrs. Pamphill, and two children, were not molested at any time during the nerve-racking trip down the coast, but they were frequently warned that any attempt to communicate with passing ships would mean death.

One can but admire the extraordinary attention paid to detail by the pirate gang. Yesterday morning the *Tungchow* passed very close to another Butterfield vessel, and the officers and passengers were to all intents and purposes mustered where the pirates had full control over their actions, and forced to look helplessly on whilst the B. and S. flag was run up and dipped in response to a similar courtesy from the passing vessel.

The steamer, which is of 2,104 tons gross, was towed to a buoy in the middle of the Harbour this morning and present arrangements are that she leaves for the North to-morrow at daybreak. Her Chief Officer (Mr. T. Nisbet) later had an interview with Lieut. Commr. G. F. Hole.

The police were this morning on board examining the Chinese passengers, some of whom stated their ability to recognise members of the gang.

The ship carries a crew of over a hundred, the Second Officer being Mr. G. Scott; the Chief Engineer, Mr. J. Johnson; Second Engineer, Mr. A. Knowles; and Third, Mr. C. Dickford. The Chinese crew numbered over a hundred and there was an equal number of Chinese passengers.

## AT LIMCHOW.

### CANTON TROOPS IN CHARGE.

#### NO FIGHTING.

Our Limchow correspondent, writing under date of the 11th instant, says:

"During the past two weeks, Limchow streets have been thronged with soldiers on the move. First came the evacuation of General Sham Po-fan's troops, accompanied by numbers of coolies carrying baggage and equipment. These went by road to Kolak, a large fishing village about 14 miles distant, where they embarked for On-chow. For one night the city was unprotected save for local volunteers, who effectively kept guard. About dusk a panic was caused by the report that a huge band of robbers had collected not far away, and a night attack was expected. Nothing unusual happened, however, and early next morning crowds of refugees, herds of cattle, droves of ducks, etc., might be seen passing out of the city. I personally visited a temple courtyard near the Little South Gate and saw over sixty cows and sheep, oxen and bullocks there. These had been recaptured from the robbers and brought to this spot to be claimed or redeemed by their owners."

"Over 9,000 of the Canton Army have passed through or remained in possession of Limchow, and it is wonderful that the Government of this district has been changed in so peaceable a manner, practically without fighting or bloodshed."

#### NEW ROADS.

It will be recalled that three years ago the gentry and merchants commenced to construct a highway from Pakhoi to Limchow, and thence to Lingshan to join the intended highway to Nanning. The total length of this road is about one hundred and fifty miles. The first section, about twenty miles, from Pakhoi to Limchow, has been completed for some time, and now that there appears to be no serious warfare likely to be carried on in Kwangsi, the gentry and merchants at Nanning have registered a company at the Magistrate's office of the district of Nanning to construct the highway from Nanning to Lingshan. It is stated the road is being surveyed and constructional work will commence soon. It is expected that as soon as the new magistrates of Lim Chau and Lingshan are appointed, the first steps will be taken in the construction of the road between Limchow and Lingshan.

GENERAL TANG'S LAST STAND.

Some time ago it was reported that various units of the Peoples' Army in Southern Kwangtung were actively engaged against General Tang Poon-yan. A report now comes to hand stating that these units have combined and placed themselves under the command of two leaders by name Chan Ka-cheung and Wong Ming-ah. A few days ago the Peoples' Army simultaneously advanced and took possession of the districts of Man Ning, Lok Hoi, King Tung, Man Chang and Lum Kuo. On this account, Tang Poon-yan has concentrated his forces at Holhow and other ports in order to prevent the landing of the Canton Army. This is regarded as Tang's last stand and in all probability he will have taken his flight before any of the Canton Army makes a landing.

It is reported the Peoples' Army has now sent representatives to Canton asking the Government to dispatch troops without delay, and to hand state that the

## FRENCH FINANCES.

### VARIOUS PROPOSALS CONSIDERED.

Paris, Dec. 22.

This morning, the Cabinet was engaged with the examination of various financial projects. Concerning the offers of the Industrialists of the North to lend money, M. Doumer stated that he has not yet made any precise plan, but laid stress on the importance of the solution proposed and the repercussion it would have in France and abroad.

In the Chamber, the Socialist group submitted the rough draft of a resolution relating to the offer of the Industrialists of the North, requesting the Government "to accept with thanks all offers thus formulated and to demand, by legislation, a similarly clear-sighted and wise effort on the part of all wealthy French people."

The Left Democratic party of the Senate has announced its intention to present the text of a Bill to create a Sinking Fund.

In various parts of the country, merchants have closed their shops as a protest against the over-zealous proposals of the public Treasury.

The Finance Minister, M. Doumer conferred with the delegates of the Radical party and with M. Briand during the day. —Indepacif.

## BIG STORM IN JAPAN.

### MANY LIVES LOST.

Tokyo, Dec. 23.

Northern Japan was swept by a storm yesterday. The losses reported include twenty fishing boats, which capsized, and there are fishermen missing.

In the Fukushima Prefecture, numbers of houses were destroyed and twenty people are missing at Asomori.

Forty vessels were shipwrecked, with ten casualties, at Muroran, whilst ten men and six horses were carried away by a tidal wave at Oshima and Hokkaido.

Several deaths, casualties and damage are reported from other parts. —Reuter.

## MOROCCAN OPERATIONS.

### SUBMISSION OF NATIVES.

Paris, Dec. 22.

Latest operations in Morocco in the region of the Haut Ouergha, have resulted in the submission of 6,000 families, some of whom have never been subject to the French administration before. —Indepacif.

## EVENING PAPERS.

### TO PUBLISH ON SATURDAY.

London, December 22.

As the result of a conference between representatives of the Printing Federation and the Newspaper Society, evening newspapers will be published in most of the provincial towns on Boxing Day. —Reuter.

Corps has been ordered back from the East River front for active service in the southern sector. It was originally intended to employ this veteran Division to storm the Luichow stronghold, the forces of Tang Poon-yan have been driven far afield and can hardly be considered as a fighting unit. Field Marshal Li Chai-sum has now ordered this Division to take up stations in the Sze Yap district, and the

## KING'S SPEECH.

### DEVELOPING EMPIRE TRADE.

#### PEACE HOPES.

London, Dec. 22.

H. M. the King's speech, upon the prorogation of Parliament opens with a reference to the death of Queen Alexandra, and acknowledges the sympathy expressed from all parts of the Dominions and foreign countries. It expresses pride at the warm welcome given to the Prince of Wales on his visit to South Africa, West Africa and South America, and believes that the agreements made at Locarno and signed in London will prove not only the foundation of true peace between the peoples immediately concerned but the beginning of friendly co-operation which cannot fail to be of benefit to the whole world. It is His Majesty's heartfelt prayer at the Irish agreement will advance co-operation and strengthen goodwill in Ireland. Gratitude is expressed to all throughout the Empire who co-operated in the Wembley Exhibition, and His Majesty is sure that the increased knowledge which it has brought of the resources and activities of His people will have lasting and beneficial results. Further preferences for Empire imports will be made and other measures for the development of Empire trade are being closely considered. —Reuter.

## RICKSHA THEFT.

### COOLIE SENT TO GAOL.

Before Mr. C. Wilson, at the Central Magistracy this morning, a ricksha coolie was charged with the theft of a letter bag, containing bank papers, and failing to report the finding of the bag to the police. From the evidence it appeared that a Chinese went in the defendant's ricksha to the Canton Bank, Ltd., and on entering that building found he had left a letter bag in the ricksha. When he went out to recover his property, the ricksha and coolie had gone.

Sgt. Kelly said the defendant was very unwilling to produce the letter bag when called upon by the police to do so. It was, he added, a common practice for coolies to take possession of articles left in their rickshas.

The defendant said he did not think the bag was of any value, as there was no money in it. He was sent to prison for one month on the first charge, and for fourteen days on the second, the sentences to run consecutively.

## RUSSIAN WOMEN.

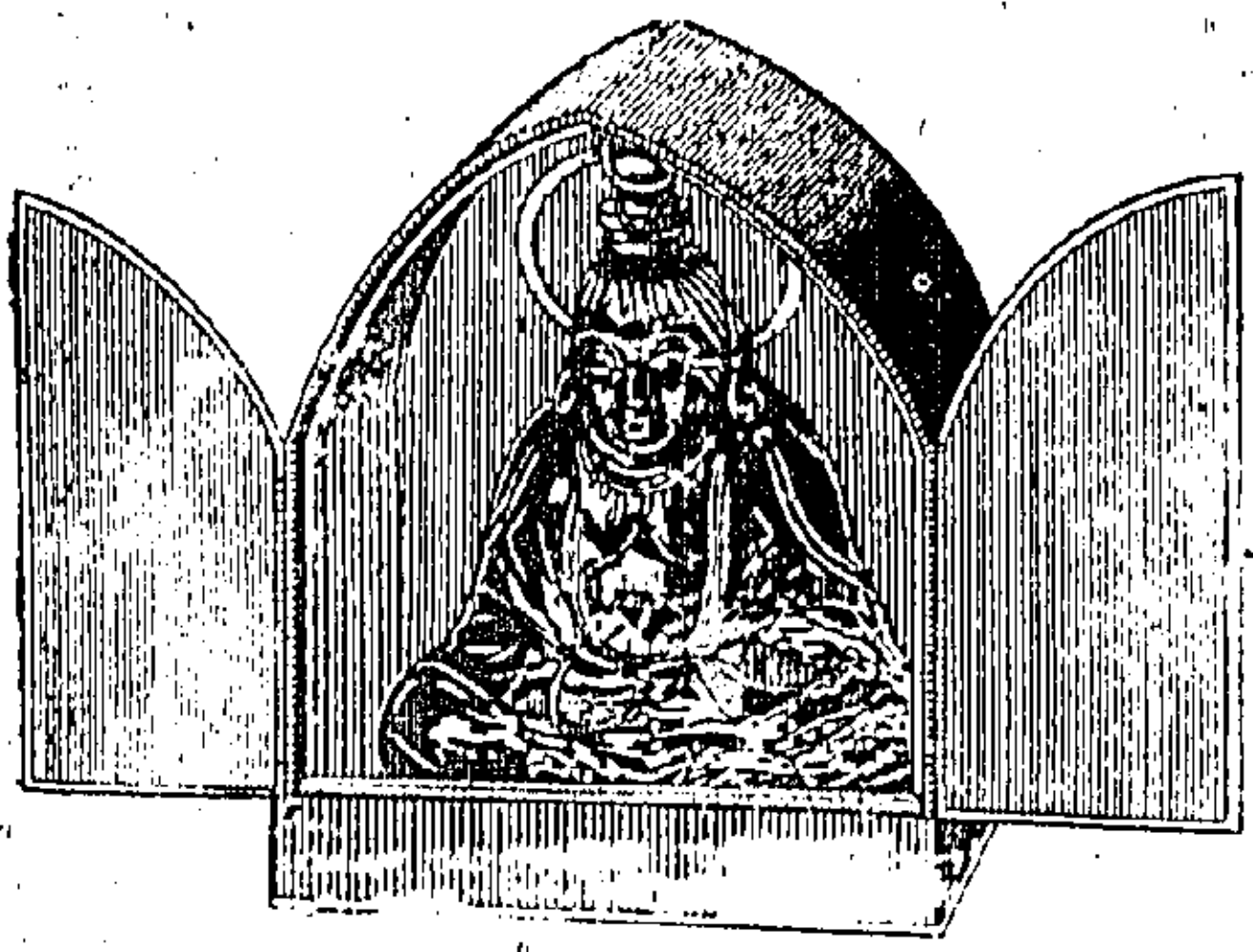
### CHARGED WITH SHOP-LIFTING.

Alleged to have stolen four rolls of silk valued at \$475 from the Wing On Company, two Russian women appeared at the Central Police Court this morning before Mr. C. Willson. The names of the defendants were Daria Samoiloff, and Tamara Loskoloff.

Detective Sergeant Meadows said it was a case of shop-lifting. The rolls of silk were taken from a show case on the first floor at the premises of the Wing On Company. He asked for a remand for twenty-four hours, as they had a similar case that morning in which it was suspected that two



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CONCLUDES.FURTHER QUESTIONS TO  
THE INSPECTOR.

## Verdict of Justifiable Homicide.

The inquiry into the recent border shooting incident concluded at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when a verdict of "justifiable homicide" was returned. Yesterday was the third day of the inquiry. Two further witnesses were called, and Sub-Inspector Barnett was recalled and further questioned.

The special jury consisted of Messrs. T. H. G. Brayfield (foreman), George Grimble and J. P. Bragan. The first witness called was Pi Wen-chau, a Weihaiwei policeman, stationed at Sheung Shui. He said he accompanied the Weihaiwei sergeant who gave evidence at the previous hearing, to San Uk Ling.

Before reaching there, he met a woman who said there had been a highway robbery. The woman was one who had been robbed. Witness went on past San Uk Ling, and when about half way he turned off to the left towards a gap in the hills. He saw three men running from the gap to the top of the hill.

Witness then heard one shot, and then five or six afterwards. After the shots all the three men disappeared. Witness could not see who fired.

## Evidence of Policemen.

The Weihaiwei Sergeant fired two shots. When the men disappeared witness climbed the hill in company with the Sergeant. When he reached the top he saw two men lying on the ground shot. He saw a third man at the foot of the hill about 400 yards away.

Witness fired one shot while at the top of the hill in the direction of the man who was running away. The shot had no visible effect.

Chi Ching-ho, another Weihaiwei policeman, said that when the other two officers turned off to the left he went straight on and round the hill. Before he left the Sergeant he heard five or six shots and later when he went on alone he heard a further shot. He could not see anyone firing. When he heard the single shot it was about ten minutes after the previous five or six.

When he arrived at the brick kiln road, he saw a man disappear into a field of sugar cane. The man was about 400 yards away. He heard no further shooting. He went up to where the Inspector was and saw two men lying shot. He helped to search in the neighbourhood, and found the two cloth badges which he handed to Inspector Barnett on his return to Sheung Shui.

## Inspector Barnett Questioned.

After this evidence, Inspector Barnett was recalled and the Coroner put further questions to him.

The Coroner: The Weihaiwei Sergeant gave evidence at the last hearing to the effect that he heard four or five shots fired up the hillside, followed by five or six more. Can you understand that evidence?

Inspector Barnett: When the men ran down the hill he fired two rounds and so did I. When I came to the top of the hill I fired three further rounds at the two men.

There were four shots to begin with and three afterwards?—Yes.

You think that enough for the Sergeant to describe as five or six and as six and seven?—Yes.

## Considerable Echo.

Mr. W. G. Gerrard, Assistant Superintendent of Police, remarked that the shots echoed considerably.

Mr. Lindsell (to Inspector Barnett): Do you think it possible to be accounted for by echo?

Inspector Barnett: I did not take any notice at the time. I think it might be accounted for by echoes. There are two hills running parallel.

Then four shots were fired first. Two by you and two by the man who escaped?—Yes.

You are certain that only six or seven shots were fired in your neighbourhood?—Yes.

Apart from your fear already deposed to and your apprehension that these men might be armed, and might open fire on you, do you consider you could have arrested them unless you had fired?—No. They would have got away. You are quite satisfied of that?—Oh, Yes.

Was your idea in firing to kill or merely to stop them?—To stop them.

## Believed Men To Be Robbers.

At the time were you quite satisfied they were robbers who had been robbing those women?—I was quite satisfied that they were the three men I was told about. I believed they were the robbers.

Had you any motive for wishing to stop them besides that?—Only that one fired at me.

And besides that?—That was the only motive.

Mr. Brayfield, the foreman of the jury, then put the following questions to Inspector Barnett:

Was there any other European officer in the station of Sheung Shui at which you were stationed at the time of this shooting, or were you the only European officer on the station?

Inspector Barnett: There were no other European officers there at the time. There had been another but he had been temporarily transferred. I had had a sergeant there. He was transferred two or three days before and returned two or three days later.

Were the three men, that is, the one who got away and the two deceased, fairly close together when you first saw them?—Yes.

## Thought Men Were Armed.

You did, in fact, believe after being fired at twice by the person at whom you shot twice and who apparently escaped, that the remaining two persons whom you were after were similarly armed when you fired at them?—Yes.

Do you think it possible that although you found no firearms actually on the persons of the two deceased, that the deceased, finding themselves in a tight corner before you shot at them, dropped their firearms and that their firearms (if any) may have been picked up and concealed by the other searchers who assisted in picking up the badges?

Inspector Barnett: I think that if they had been armed they would have dropped them. I do not now think it likely that they were armed. If they were they may have thrown away their arms.

## Many Border Robberies.

The Coroner then put the following questions to Mr. Gerrard:

During the past few months have there been many cases of robberies near the border?—Quite a number. Sometimes a daily occurrence, and then intervals between. Sometimes several on consecutive days. We have had a number of hold-ups.

Have the reports often stated that the people holding up persons were armed?—Yes.

Usually?—In every case.

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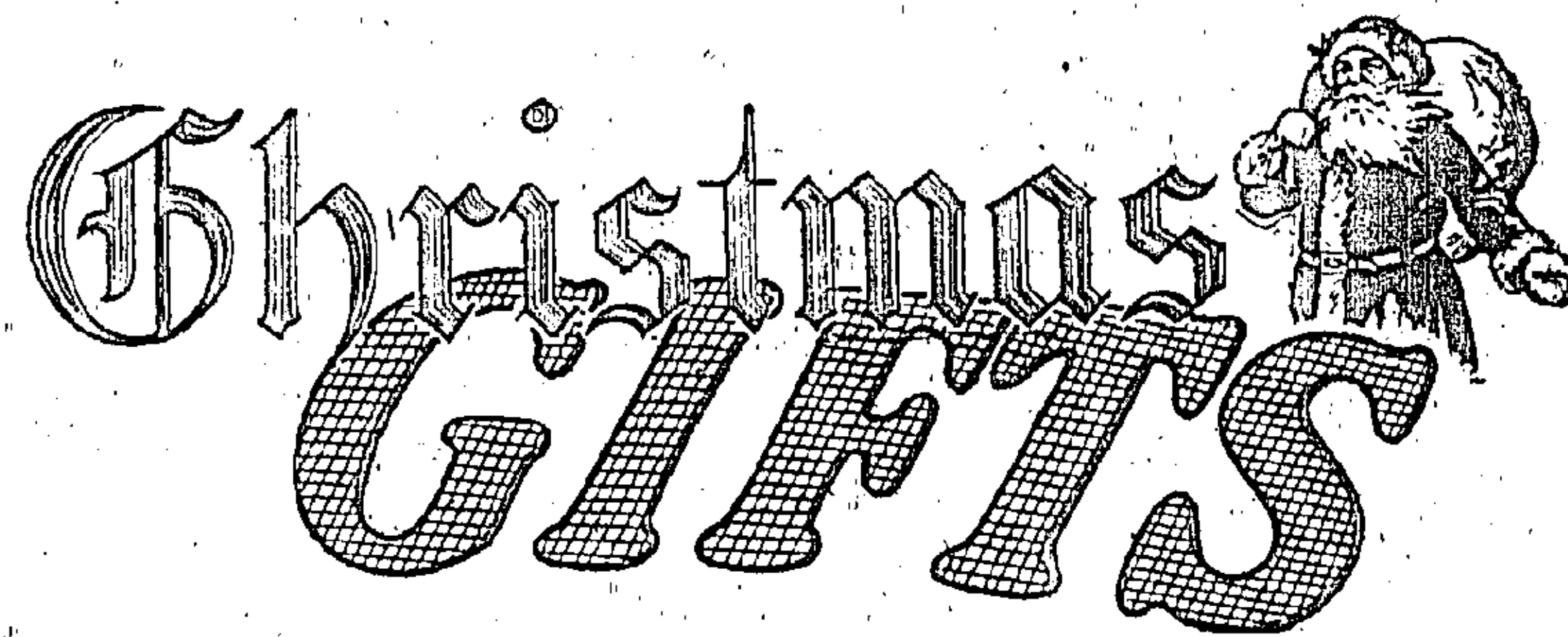
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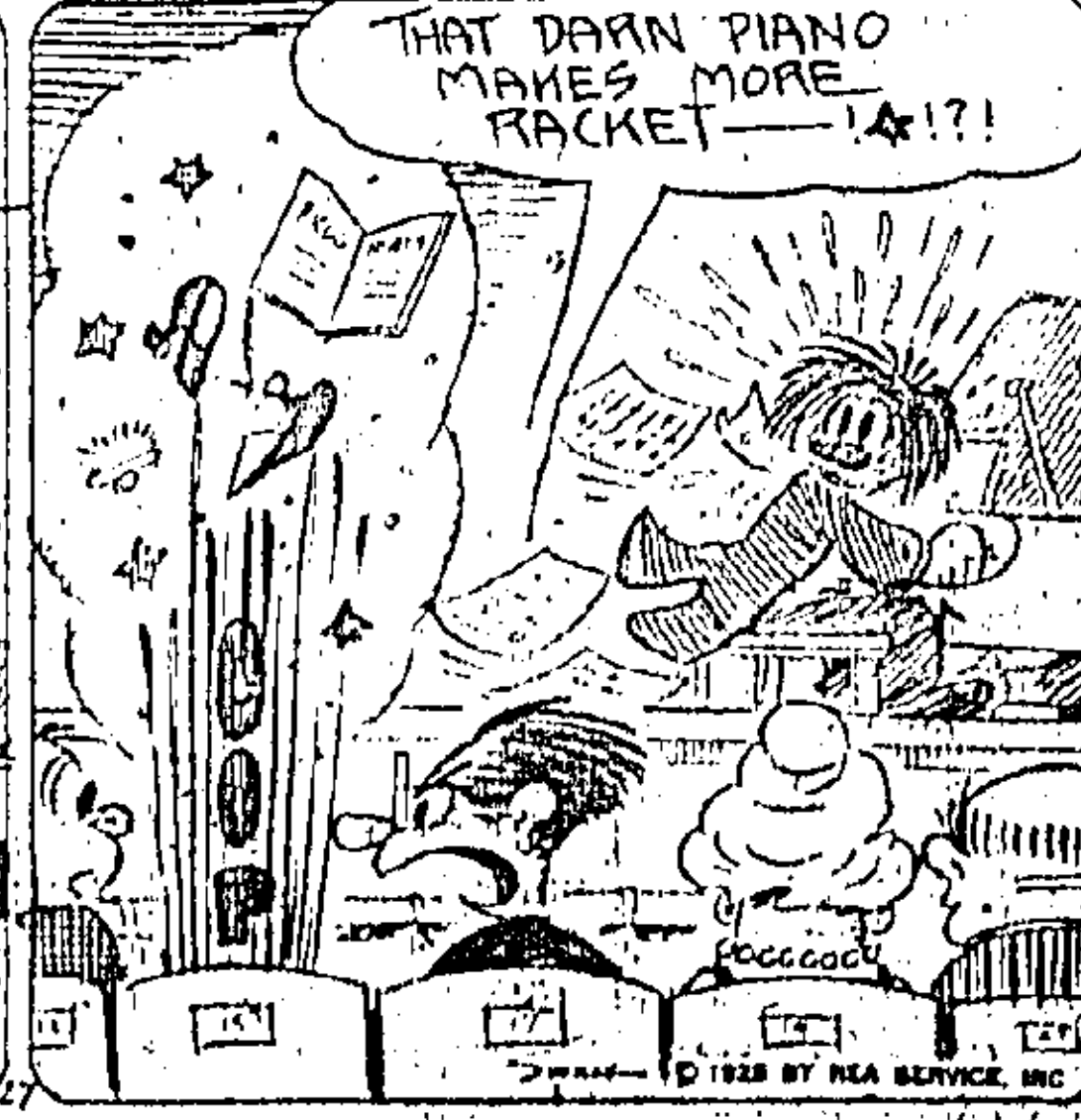
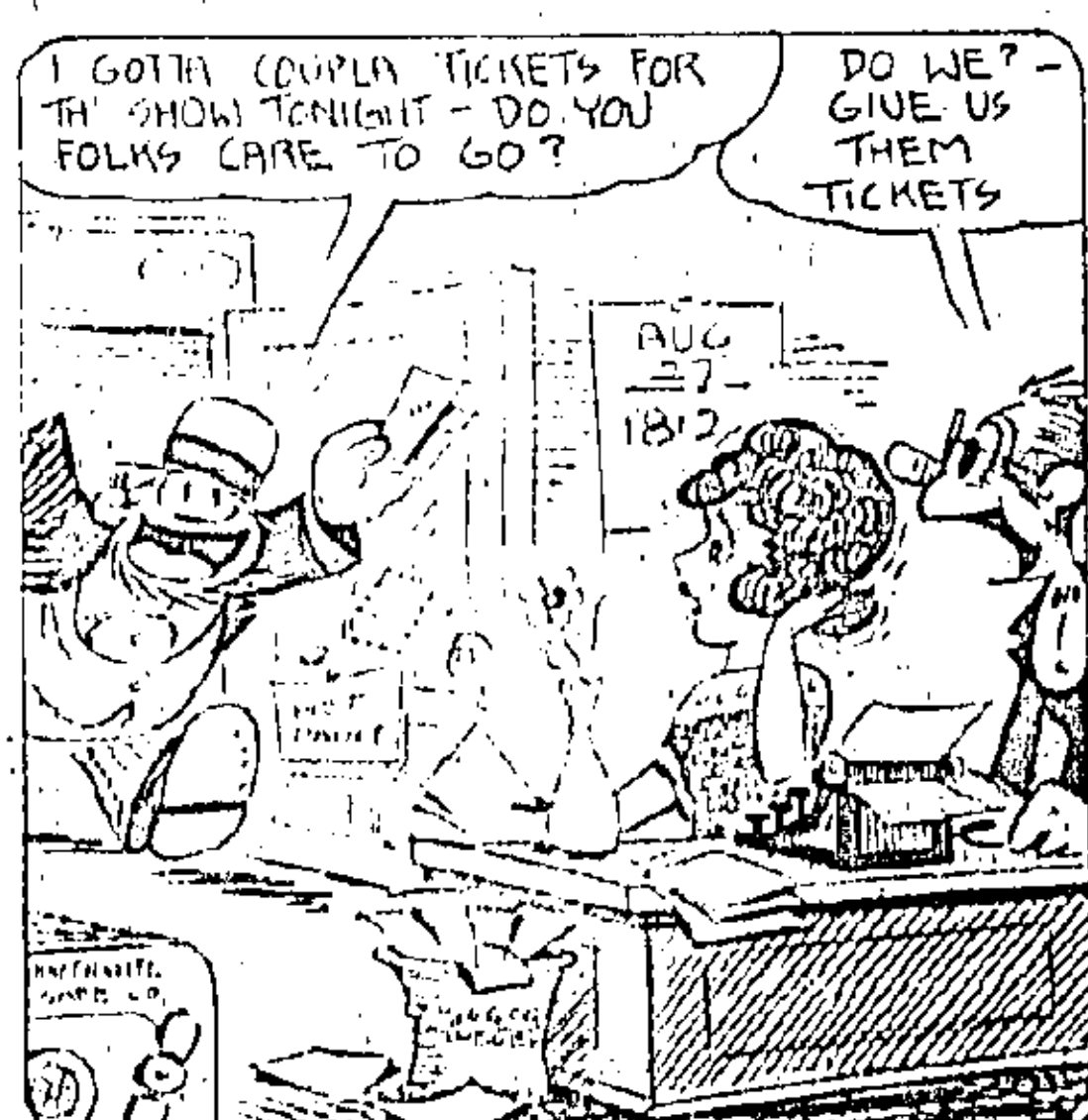
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Shanghai Doctor's Wedding in Hongkong.



This group was taken at the recent wedding, at St. John's Cathedral, of Dr. A. D. Wall of Shanghai, and Miss Margaret A. McGregor, who arrived here by the s.s. Antenor. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

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## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, 29th December, 1925, at noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July, 1925.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 14th to the 29th December, 1925, both days inclusive.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
J. D. THOMSON,  
Acting Secretary.  
Hongkong, 11th December, 1925.

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Hongkong, December 21, 1925.

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By Order of the Mortgagee.

Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa has received instructions to sell by Public Auction

## TO-DAY,

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The Property comprises the messuages or dwelling houses thereon known as Nos. 20 and 22 D'Aguiar Street and Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Yan Shau Lane and contain a total area of 3716 Square Feet or thereabouts. Further particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained from the office of

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Hongkong, Dec. 14, 1925.

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## PUBLIC AUCTION.

By Order of the Mortgagee.

Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa has received instructions to sell by Public Auction

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the 4th January, 1926, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at the China Auction Rooms, 4 Duddell Street, Victoria, Hongkong.

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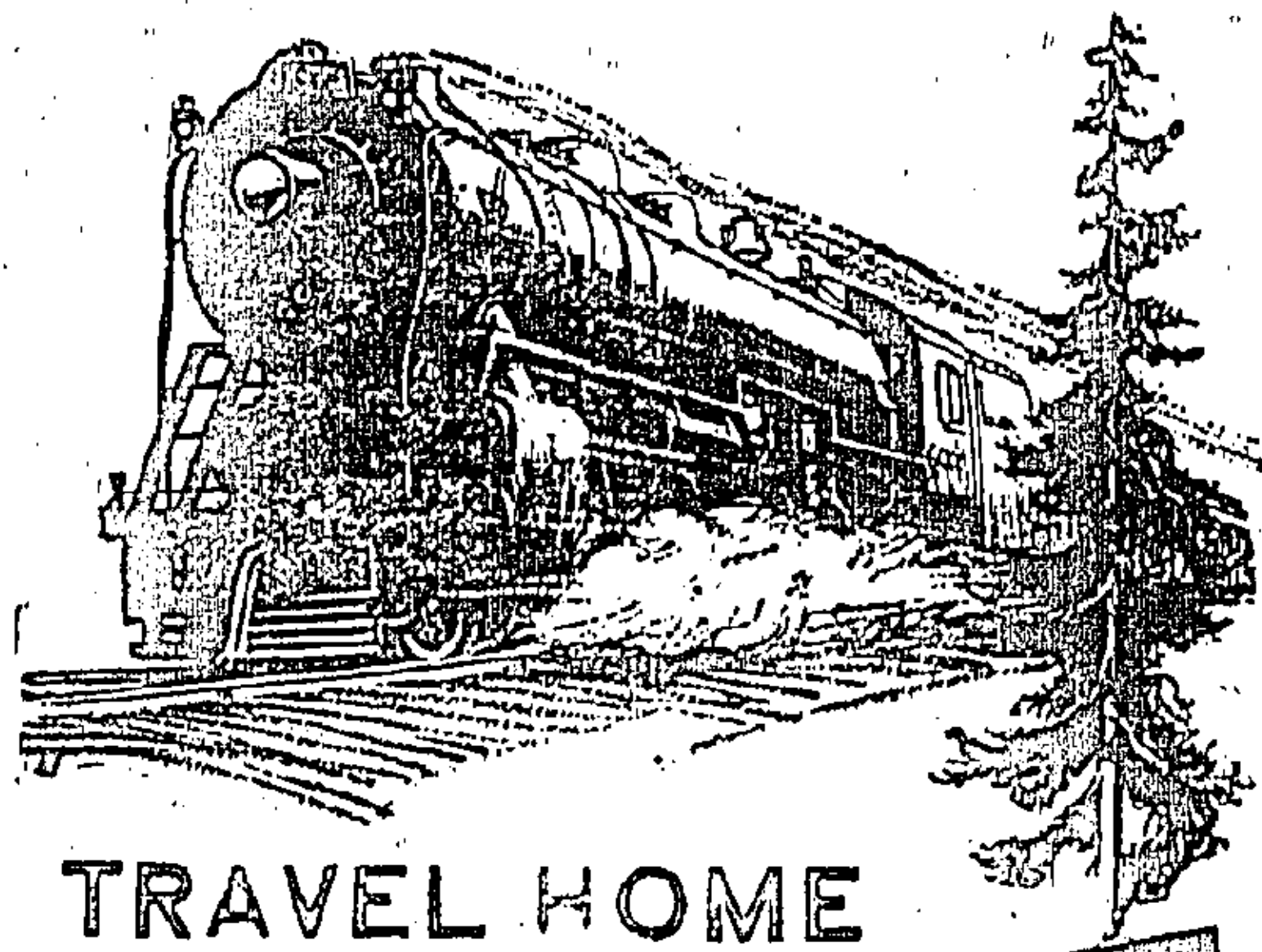
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(Continued from Page 2.)

Have you made any effort to bring before this court the three women mentioned in this case?— I have made every possible effort to get any or all of them to come and give evidence. They sent a deputy to see me. They sent word to me they were afraid of reprisals by the strikers. They feared that if they came they would probably be killed or imprisoned by the pickets.

Members of Strike Picket.

They live across the border?—

Yes. I think you have examined the notebooks and the translations of the contents. What do they convey to you?—They convey that they are notebooks of a strike picket.

You are satisfied they must have belonged to members of a strike picket?—Yes.

The Coroner, summing up, said that he did not propose to comment at any great length because the main facts were clear. There could be no doubt that the two men met their death by shots fired by Inspector Barnett. It was for the jury to decide whether to accept his story as a full and true account of the events leading up to the shooting.

It was a straightforward story. At San Uk Ling he received information of a robbery and learned the robbers were in the hills. He made a tour round the range of hills in order to cut them off on the hillside.

Reasons for Firing.

On the hill he saw three men he suspected of being the three robbers. His suspicions were confirmed when he heard a shot on the hillside.

The man who apparently fired got clear away and Inspector Barnett went on in pursuit of the other two. He twice came face to face with them and ordered them to stop. The second time he fired and struck down both of them. He fired for two reasons. Firstly, because they were probably armed, and secondly, to prevent them from escaping. That story was corroborated in certain material points by the villagers, although some of their evidence was unsatisfactory.

There seemed no reason to doubt their story of a highway robbery. It was unfortunate that none of the three women could be called to give evidence, but it appeared they lived across the border and were afraid of reprisals if they came to give evidence. The villagers agreed that before Inspector Barnett's arrival they saw three men they took to be robbers, running towards the hills where the shooting took place.

Points of Law.

They followed him to a point between the hills. Their evidence as to what took place later was contradictory and could not be relied on. Two of them denied hearing a shot before the Inspector fired, and the jury must give due weight to that. He did not propose to comment on the evidence of the Weihaiwei men, as he did not think it carried them anywhere.

There was one further point as regards the evidence. That was, it became clear from the evidence of Mr. Gerrard that the men were members of a strike picket. He thought that was a matter of interest for the Executive and not a matter which concerned the jury judicially.

They now came to the law. It was clear from the earliest time of the common law of England,

which ran in the Colony, that some cases of homicide were regarded as being strictly justifiable, and there was no legal penalty for them.

Questions To The Jury.

If an officer fired rashly when he could have arrested a person without, then it might be a case of murder. A police officer was legally entitled to arrest without warrant anyone he may reasonably suspect to have committed a felony. It only remained for the jury to decide certain questions of fact.

The Coroner handed to the jury certain questions, and they retired to consider them.

The questions, in part, were:

(1) Had Inspector Barnett reasonable cause to believe that the three men he met on the hillside were robbers, that was to say, felons who had robbed women?

(2) Did the two men who were killed flee when he attempted to intercept them?

(3) If they did flee, had he reasonable cause to think they were armed and might shoot him unless he fired first?

(4) In the circumstances did the jury consider Inspector Bar-

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

NO PAPERS FOR TWO DAYS.

London, Dec. 22.

No English papers are being published on Christmas day or Boxing day.—Reuter.

net could have effected an arrest of the men without firing?

Replies By The Jury.

The jury were absent for a few minutes and replied to the questions as follows:

(1) He had reasonable cause to believe they were robbers.

(2) The two men did flee.

(3) He had cause to think they were armed.

(4) In the circumstances he could not have effected their arrest without violence.

On that evidence the Coroner returned a verdict of justifiable homicide.

He thanked the jury for their attention and for the time they had spent in considering a difficult case.

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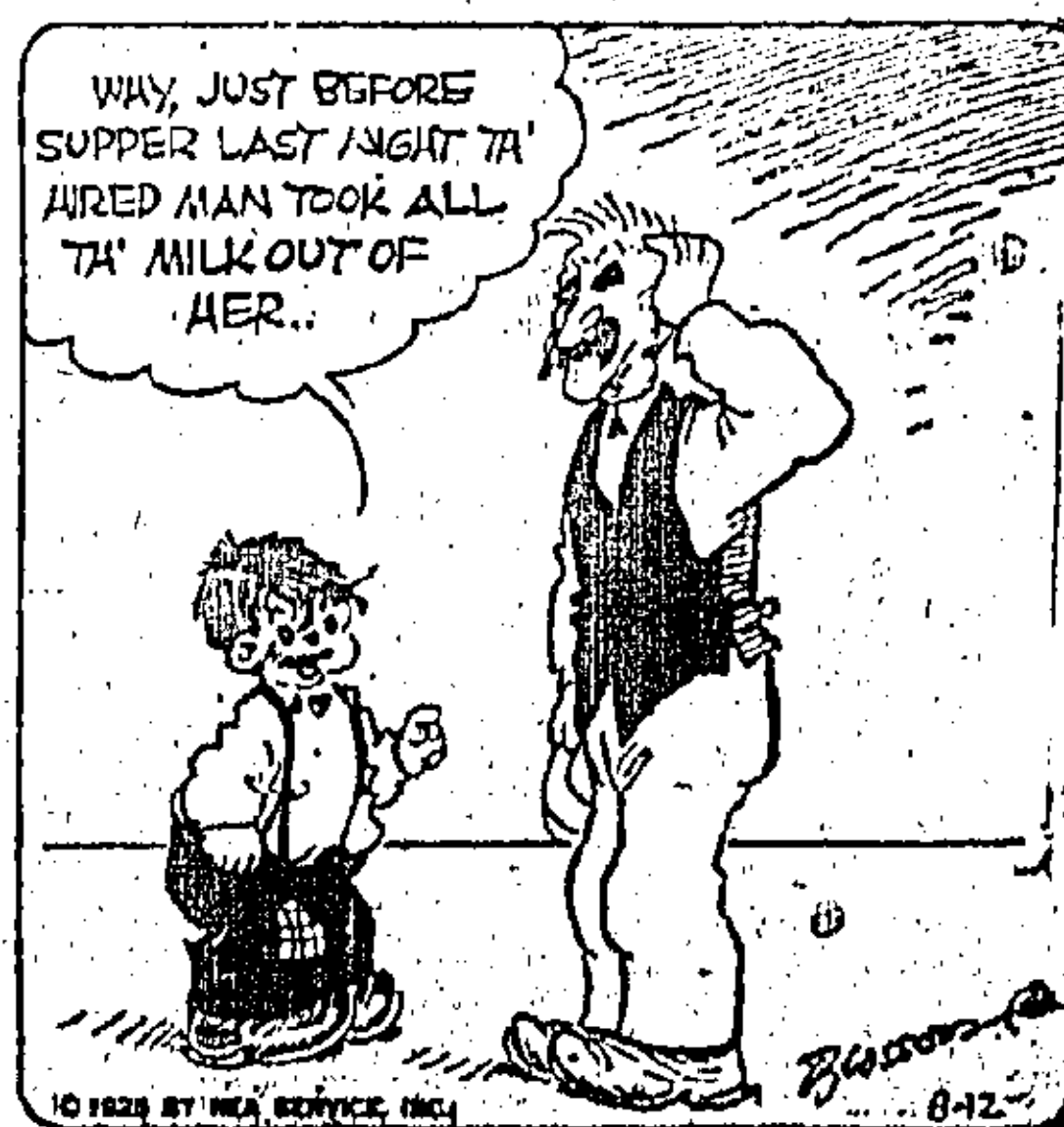
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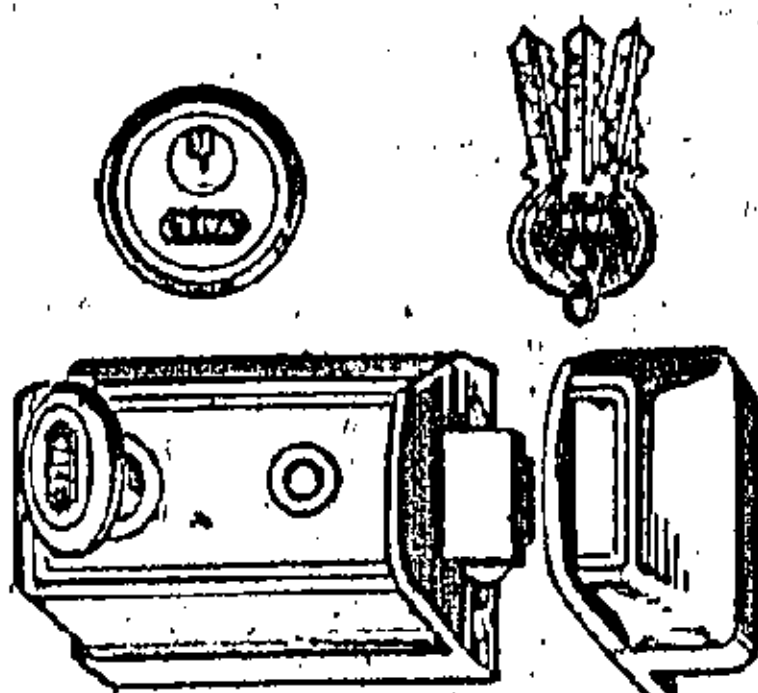
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### The Telegraph

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23, 1925.

### THE ANTI-CHRISTIANS.

The intolerance of the more extreme elements among the Chinese, principally leaders of the labour and student movement, is well illustrated in the case of the anti-Christian agitation which is being worked up both in Canton and in other parts of China as well. These people would discriminate against Chinese professors of Christianity by barring them from Government service and depriving them of educational facilities, at the same time seeking to prohibit religious instruction in the schools. We are gratified to note, however, that at the moment the movement does not appear likely to lead to anything more serious than a parade, and that the Canton Government has made it perfectly clear that it cannot take sides with the anti-Christian agitators. It is to be remembered in this connection that religious freedom in China is guaranteed by numerous Treaties, and that the protection thereby afforded is extended to Chinese as well as foreigners. The fullest stipulation on the subject is contained in a Treaty with the United States, in which it is declared that the principles of the Christian religion are recognised as teaching men to do good and to do to others as they would have others do to them, and it is laid down that "those who quietly profess and teach these doctrines shall not be harassed or persecuted on account of their faith." The Treaty even goes further, for it stipulates that Christian converts can be exempt from taxes and contributions levied for the support of religious customs and practices contrary to their faith. Moreover, Article 6 of the Provisional Republican Constitution accords full religious freedom to the people of China. It would, indeed, be contrary to Republican ideals were the followers of any particular religion discriminated against—a point which appears to be overlooked by many of the self-styled advocates of liberty whose conception of that term is totally contrary to its spirit. In any case, no good can come from movements of this kind, which only tend to stir up trouble and ill-feeling, and we have no doubt that the Chinese authorities will fully realise the dangers of permitting such agitations to spread.

### America and Rubber.

The recent rubber boom, which has mounted greatly enhanced prices for the raw product, has also led to much acrimonious utterance in the United States, where the bulk of the world's rubber goes for manufacture into articles of everyday use, particularly motor-car tyres. The whole problem rests on two facts—America is the greatest manufacturer of rubber goods, whilst British Crown Colonies produce the larger part of the world supply of the raw material. Thus it would be quite easy to visualise a British "corner" in rubber, and a justifiable protest from the importers. Judging by recent American comment, the opinion in the States seems to favour the suggestion of a deliberate policy of price-raising by Britain. Yet is not difficult to prove a great deal of these allegations to be unjustified. There is more than a hint that manufacturers are displeased not so much by the higher cost to themselves as by the impossibility of getting the consuming public to shoulder the whole difference. When rubber slumped almost disastrously a little more than three years ago, and the output of British plantations could be purchased in some cases at less than producing cost, there was no corresponding fall in the prices of manufactures. The importers reaped a harvest then. Are they going to deny the producers' right to reimburse themselves to some extent now? The British Crown Colonies concerned suffered very heavy losses, the Government revenues being severely depleted. By means of the restriction scheme, prices have been raised to an economic level. That they have now, perhaps, soared higher still, is merely all in the day's work of produce markets. It is probable that, by this time next year, restriction will be a thing of the past. Even then, the producers will be entitled to their legitimate profit. British foresight and enterprise has built up a big rubber-growing industry, and such effort deserves its eventual reward. It is regrettable that disgruntled critics should obscure the true facts in their attempts to justify themselves, and thus give rise, most likely, to bitter animosities which could as well be avoided.

### Protection.

The statement made by Mr. Baldwin, in the House of Commons, in regard to the application of the steel industry for protection under the Safeguarding of Industries Act, serves to show the awkward position in which the Government stands on the general question of Protection. It would appear that investigations reveal the fact that the steel industry is suffering considerably from foreign competition, and, once the policy of Protection is agreed to, we cannot very well see why it should not enjoy the privileges conferred by the Safeguarding of Industries Act. But the matter is not quite so simple as that for the Government, which naively explains that the safeguarding of a basic industry of such magnitude would have repercussions which could be regarded as conflicting with the Government's declarations as regards a general tariff. Thus the application has been turned down. In other words, it is not a question of whether the industry stands in need of help, but merely one of the Government honouring its promise not to go "the whole hog" on Protection. Looking at the matter from a purely disinterested point of view, we cannot help thinking that the Baldwin Administration makes a great mistake in not being one thing or the other—either for Protection and all that it involves, or for strict adherence to Free Trade principles. This tinkering with the issue satisfies no one.

### ITALIAN CONVENT.

#### SHORTHAND RESULTS.

As the result of Pitman's shorthand examinations in connection with the Italian convent, theory certificates have been won as follows:

Italian Convent, Cairne Rd.—Miss Kimy Barretto, Alice Gutierrez, Thelma May, Celestina Xavier, Elleen Garrod, Cissy Wong, Helen Waller, Agnes Dillon, Matilda Pereira, Remigia Elarte, Ruby Simoes, Kate Sullivan, Maria L. Ozorio and Iris Gulingham.

St. Mary's School, Kowloon.—Misses Olga Remedios, Carolina Ribeiro, Albertina Garcia, Mercedes Ribeiro, Cissy Noronha, Ester Carvalho, Kna Danenberg, Gladys Sousa, Leonor Xavier and Josephine Stoppa.

### DAY BY DAY.

A NOBLE LIFE, CROWNED WITH HEROIC DEATH, RISES ABOVE AND OUTLIVES THE PRIDE AND POMP AND GLORY OF THE MIGHTIEST EMPIRE OF THE EARTH.—President Garfield.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.9/16d.

The annual Taikoo Bull will be held on Friday, January 15.

The P. & O. s.s. Kashgar left Shanghai at 3 p.m. yesterday and is due here at 7 a.m. on Christmas Day.

The Observatory forecast for to-morrow is: N.E. winds, moderate; fair at first, some drizzle or mist later.

The Bogey Pool at Fanling last week-end was won by Mr. C. C. Stark, with one down. Other scores were Mr. W. L. Dunbar, two down; and Mr. A. H. Ferguson four down. There were 27 entries.

On Monday a Chinese boy, eight years of age, was knocked down by a motor cycle, in Connaught Road Central, and sustained slight injuries to his head. His injuries were not, however, sufficiently serious for him to be taken to hospital.

The Asiatic Petroleum Company has issued an effective office wall-calendar bearing a striking coloured study of Hongkong harbour, with an Empress boat and an oil-tanker in the foreground, whilst at the top is a map showing the "Asiatic" round-the-world bunkering service.

With reference to the border shooting inquiry, a report of which appears on another page, the Coroner in summing up quoted the following law, applicable where a felon is shot when trying to escape from justice:—"If a person whom an officer is legally attempting to arrest on a charge of felony flees, and cannot otherwise be arrested, he might be killed, and the homicide is justifiable."

Among the passengers departing by the P. & O. s.s. Kashgar on Saturday will be Capt. C. H. D. O'Callaghan, 52nd Punjab Regiment (single tennis champion of the Colony), who leaves for India; Mr. W. J. Carrie (of the Colonial Secretary's Office) and Mrs. Carrie, for Home; and Lieut.-General Sir Charles and Lady Dobell and Miss Dobell, who recently arrived in the Colony by the R.M.S. Empress of Canada and have booked for Singapore.

At the Theatre Royal last evening, Mrs. Diana Watts gave the second part of her lecture and demonstration on the beauties of the Greek ideal of harmony. This second part dealt more particularly with the science and art of perfect physical movement, and Mrs. Watts devoted most of her time last evening to the actual demonstration of right and wrong physical movements, in the course of which she performed some exceedingly interesting and graceful exercises. She was accorded a very hearty reception.

### FRENCH ARMY.

#### VOTE IN CHAMBER.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The Chamber, by 280 votes against 254, rejected an amendment suppressing the credits for the calling up of reservists, in spite of the opposition of the Government, without making it a question of confidence.—Indopacific.

### AUSTRALIAN CRICKET.

#### AN EASY VICTORY.

Adelaide, December 22.—New South Wales defeated South Australia by an innings and 99 runs. The scores were:—South Australia, 185 and 270. New South Wales, 554. In South Australia's first innings, V. Richardson made 59, Malley taking six wickets for 79 runs. In the second innings, Gurn scored 59 and V. Richardson 61. Gregory took four wickets for 75 runs and Kellaway three wickets for 57.

For New South Wales, Macartney scored 112, Andrews 63, Taylor 95, Kippax 56 and Gregory 68. Scott had the bowling honours, taking five wickets for 117 runs.—Reuter.

### LONDON'S LORD MAYOR.



The new Lord Mayor of London (Sir W. R. Pryke) is here seen at the window of his coach after being installed.

### MURDER TRIAL.

#### TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS AT THE SESSIONS.

The hearing was resumed before the Chief Justice, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, of the case in which Shing Wai-lai was charged with the murder of an Indian constable which occurred following an encounter between a police picket and a gang of firewood-hunters at Ngau Shi Wan, in the Kowloon City district, on the 8th of July last.

The cross-examination was continued of Chan Chau-fai, a Chinese constable, who was present at the time when a man, alleged to be the accused, was arrested by other members of the picket. The man who was seen running away from the police possessed the agility of a young man of 30, and it was not until witness saw his face that he could judge his actual age, to be somewhere near 50.

Following the Indians as they took their prisoner between them along towards a path, witness saw other men cutting trees across the way. Regarding the poster offering a reward for the arrest of the man who murdered the Indian constable, witness said that he had read it several times, and although he could not recall all the details contained therein, he distinctly remembered the reward to amount to \$1,000.

The Attorney General submitted that the contents of the document were inadmissible in the cross-examination of the witness, saying that the document could not be put in as evidence of the truth of the matter contained therein, as this was in the nature of hearsay evidence.

His Lordship said that he would consider this question as they came to it.

Proceeding, witness said that he had read, in the poster, details of the wanted man.

Mr. Zeitlyn:—Can you tell us what the build of the man was who was wanted?—The prisoner has the same height as when he was arrested.

Mr. Zeitlyn:—I have not suggested that he had increased or diminished in height.

Witness:—He was about five feet, and his chest was a little over three feet. His legs were rather strong and large, and his hair was cut in the American way. He had a black spot on the forehead.

Mr. Zeitlyn:—You tell us that he has a black spot on the forehead. Did you see this in the reward?

Witness replied in the affirmative; and, in reply to questions regarding the identification of the accused, said that the man was placed in a row of seven persons, all of whom wore long trousers. He was "90 per cent. sure" in the identification of the prisoner as the wanted man when he wore long trousers, and he would be "100 per cent. sure" were the latter put into the short trousers he wore at the time of his arrest by the Indians after the cutting of the trees. The case is proceeding.

### OBITUARY.

#### WELL-KNOWN AMERICAN PUBLISHER.

New York, Dec. 22.—The death has occurred of the publisher Mr. Frank Munsey, *Reuter's American Service*. [Mr. Frank Andrew Munsey was born in Maine in 1854, and was unmarried. Starting his business career in a country store, he later became manager of the Western Union Telegraph office. In 1882 he went to New York and commenced his career as a publisher, starting the *Golden Argosy*, a juvenile weekly. In 1889 he launched *Munsey's Weekly*, afterwards known as *Munsey's Magazine*; and latterly he also owned the *Argosy*, *All-Story Weekly*, *New York Mail, Sun*, and *Globe*, and *Evening Telegram*. He wrote several books between 1887 and 1894.]

### PERSIAN OPIUM.

#### Geneva, Dec. 22.

The League of Nations has received the acceptance of the American, Mr. Frederick Delano, as Chairman of the Opium Commission to Persia. Mr. Delano, accompanied by British and French colleagues, is proceeding to Teheran and expects to complete his investigation and report to the Council in June. It is understood that Mr. Delano will be instructed to ascertain whether Turkey will attempt to corner the opium production in the event of Persia's abandoning it.—Reuter.

### SPINNERS' HOLIDAY.

#### London, Dec. 22.

The Federation of Master Cotton-spinners Associations, at a meeting in Manchester, has unanimously decided to recommend a week's stoppage in the American section between Dec. 24 and Jan. 9, excluding the Christmas holidays, in view of the deplorable state of the yarn market in the American section.—Reuter.

### LABOUR LEADER.

#### RAMSAY MACDONALD VISITING COLOMBO.

Paris, Dec. 22.—Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, who is on a trip to Colombo, has interviewed a number of French Socialist leaders here, whilst proceeding overland to Marseilles.—Indopacific.

### ATHERLEY CASE.

The case in which J. Edward Atherley is charged with embezzlement of monies belonging to Messrs. Gatz Brothers, of Hongkong, of which he was manager, has been adjourned till Monday when it will be heard by the Chief Justice, on the resumption of the Criminal Sessions.



## SINGAPORE LETTER.

COST OF LIVING—HEALTH MATTER  
—JOURNALIST HONOURER.

(Our Own Correspondent)

Singapore, Dec. 12.

A favourite tub-thumping topic with the Labour politicians at home is the helpless condition of labour in the East, and its inability to resist exploitation by the capitalist, but the Chinese guild in Singapore seem quite capable of looking after their own interests. Some time ago the bus drivers and conductors struck as a protest against the severity with which they alleged that the traffic regulations were being enforced, and whether or not they succeeded in changing the attitude of the authorities they demonstrated, by putting the public to great inconvenience for several days, that they provide a very important part of our transport facilities, and deserve consideration as such. At present, trouble is being experienced in several trades in Singapore, ostensibly because of a rise in the cost of living, but really, one suspects the result of a very natural desire to share in the general prosperity. This week the local tailors presented their employers with an ultimatum for higher wages and improved conditions, and the employers, having their books full of orders, had to accede to all demands. The Chinese employed at the largest engineering works here have been on strike throughout the week, and the shoemakers' guild are threatening to come out if their wages are not increased. As a matter of fact, the men's complaint that the cost of living has gone up recently is confirmed by official figures. The Government statistical department keeps an eye on the cost of living as far as is possible, and particularly on food prices, of which they have full and useful records. Compared with 1923, which is the first year for which average prices are available, the cost of food is only twelve per cent. higher, but there have been considerable fluctuations this year. Taking 100 as the index figure for 1923, the graph based on average prices kept by the department shows that food prices this year started below that line, but towards the middle of the year they commenced to climb, and in the last two months they have soared to 112 points. Food is the principal item in the people's budget, and as far as he is concerned there has, therefore, been a sharp increase in the cost of living recently. As an example of the upward tendency of the cost of living in the Colony, it may be added that food prices as compared with 1914 show a fifty per cent. increase.

## AN IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

We have at last had a definite declaration of the Government policy towards the 'slum' problem. Sir Laurence Guillemard's statement to the Legislative Council this week is the highwater mark of a controversy which has been going on for years without result, and presumably the municipalities now know more or less where they stand. Government are prepared to devote \$10,000,000 to the work, provided considered schemes are put forward, and they have agreed to the principle of the creation of an improvement trust which will have a large measure of freedom in dealing with town improvements. Finally, an attempt will be made to ensure harmony between Government and the municipalities, and this is perhaps the most important point of all, for it has been wrangling between these bodies which has held up progress in the past more than anything else. It is clear from health reports issued recently that the tuberculosis death-rate will never be reduced until the living conditions of the vast majority of the town populations are improved, but even though the authorities may agree upon the financial arrangement and the machinery to carry out town improvements, there is by no means unanimity of opinion as to how the work is to be done. It would be very easy to waste vast sums in Chinatown without adequate return, especially at a time when land values are rising very fast indeed. Another difficulty is that the Chinese themselves do not appreciate the importance of light and air. They like the 'chargeable noise of this great town,' and the fowl who could well afford to live miles out

of town, and who probably has an expensive car to take him there, settles down contentedly in a long chair outside his shop in the evening and asks for nothing better than to view thus leisurely 'the crowded and chattering life about him.'

## A JOURNALIST HONOURER.

The planting profession paid a signal tribute to Mr. A. W. Still, editor of the *Straits Times*, when the Planters' Association of Malaya conferred upon him honorary membership, an honour only enjoyed by one other man—Sir George Maxwell, Chief Secretary to the F. M. S. Government. Both these men have been ardent champions of restriction, and without them the scheme would never have been adopted. Mr. Still's clear and forceful statement of the case, upon specialised knowledge of an industry which he has studied from its early days, and the official prestige and influence of Sir George Maxwell's position carried the thing through in spite of the hostility of the mercantile interests, the refusal of the Dutch East Indies to co-operate, and the opposition of Sir Laurence Guillemard, who has always treated the scheme as though it were a 'quick' remedy which had miraculously worked, but which should be erased from the statute book as quickly as possible. Mr. Still can have no doubt as to the appreciation felt by the rubber industry for his efforts, for a second instalment of the presentation fund raised by the Planters' Association, which has just been handed to him brings the total up to \$17,000. Here at least is an exception to the rule that the journalist must expect more kicks than halfpence, and this presentation surely deserves a place by itself in the history of journalism. It is rare indeed to find a newspaper man with the time or the inclination, or the ability for the matter of that, to master the working of any particular industry, but Mr. Still is in the first rank of rubber economists. He knows as much about planting problems as most planters, and he is fully conversant with the commercial side of the industry. He will be retiring a few months hence, and it will be time then to write of his influence and achievements in this country. The story forms a unique record of wide knowledge and experience, coupled with high principles and an absolute fearlessness where the interests of the public were concerned, brought to bear on Malayan affairs during the critical period when the rubber industry was being developed, and when the country had to face many and varied problems peculiar to a period of forced and amazing growth.

## SODA-WATER AMENITIES.

The public have been entertained this week by a glimpse into the domestic affairs of the aerated water trade. Hitherto two firms have been supplying us with fizzy drinks, and lately both these concerns, with singular unanimity, announced a reduction in their prices, the reason given in the one case being the greater efficiency of the benefactors' new factory, and in the other case a reduction in the price of ingredients. So far so good, but an affable Persian gentleman not inappropriately named Mistri wrote a letter to the press in which he explained that he recently entered the mineral water field with products which were appreciably cheaper than those of his competitors, and that soon after he did so the manager of the rival European firm called upon him with an offer to refund all that he had spent on his factory and to cap it with a handsome sum to keep out of the business; in the event of Mr. Mistri being so rash as to refuse, the rival firm, with their larger capital resources, could and would squeeze him out. Subsequently Mr. Mistri had a visit from his other competitor to keep out of the business for a consideration. Both offers were refused, but Mr. Mistri very pertinently asks whether the prices of his competitors would have been reduced had he not entered the market with his own excellent products at lower prices. So now we know that business in the aerated water trade is business after all, and not philanthropy, and Mr. Mistri has secured a valuable free advertisement. Mr. Mistri has certainly not done himself any harm, since people will buy his products partly to keep alive healthy competition, and partly to reward him for his pluck.

## PLAY AND PLAYERS.

A FARCICAL EXHIBITION.

[BY "WANDERER".]

Yesterday morning I was reading with pleasure a little book recently published entitled 'Soccer in China'. After recounting the difficulties which beset the early enthusiasts, it referred to the sporting instincts which had been cultivated through the medium of the game in both players and spectators, later speaking in laudable terms of the efforts of the South China Athletic Association to foster the right idea of the British game.

Yesterday afternoon a team composed entirely of representatives of the South China Athletic Association displayed a childish attitude such as it has never been my misfortune to witness during a long connection with Association football. The Chinese were opposed to the Navy in the Lai Wah Cup Competition, two previous matches having been drawn, and the conclusion of the third was reached with again no definite decision. Before the match, both sides understood that extra time would be played in the event of a draw and the score was standing at 2 to 2.

When the whistle blew the Chinese left field and refused for some time to continue. Leung Yuk-tong, their captain, absolutely refused and he did not return when eventually they were prevailed upon to play the extra twenty minutes. They kicked off with nine players, the absence of Wong Pak-cheung being perhaps understandable since he had been knocked about. The extra time was altogether farcical, the Chinese making no attempt to play football, the principal offender being 'Lau Hing-cheung, the goalkeeper, who stood aside allowing any Navy man to shoot into an empty goal. The Chinese spectators were equal to the occasion giving free play to their misplaced 'sense of humour' by jeering at the Navy each time the ball was kicked, and cheering inanely when a goal was scored. The mistake made by the Navy was that of regarding it as foolish to endeavour to score when the opposition was trying to make them look stupid. If they had piled up as many goals as possible the joke would have been turned.

Before going any further I would make it clear that every player on the Chinese side was not tarred with the same brush. Lam Yuk-ying, Wong Shui-wai, Chan Kwong-ai and, I think, Leung Wing-tat were apparently willing to play, but they realised the uselessness of the whole thing and of course thought they tackled it was very half-hearted. Just before the end, Chan So was seized with the idea of trying to score and, going straight up the field, came into collision with Wright, the Navy captain, who sustained a painful kick in the stomach. Many of the Naval spectators regarded the injury as being the result of an intentional act and an ugly scene was narrowly averted. I think it was an accident, though it had the effect of putting a little more reason into Chan So's subsequent actions. He had gone up the field with the apparent idea of getting a goal willy nilly even if he had in so doing to push the whole Navy eleven into the net.

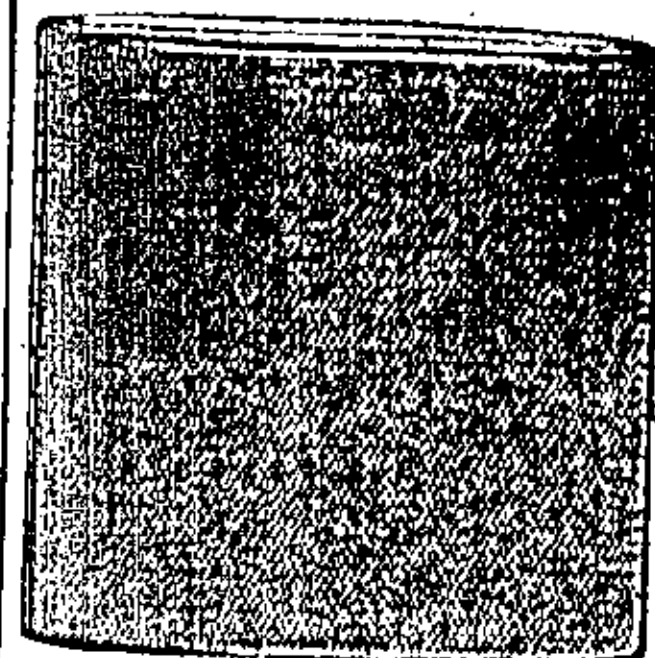
The Chinese led one-nil at half-time, were two-one down twenty minutes after the interval, equalised from a penalty given when Grindall saved what would have been a certain goal with his hands. The Navy eventually won 5-2, scoring three times in the extra time. The first ninety minutes were full of thrills, but the play is not worthy of comment since it was entirely over-shadowed by the disgraceful exhibition which followed. The Hongkong Football Association would be advised to take action if Hongkong football is not to fall entirely into disrepute.

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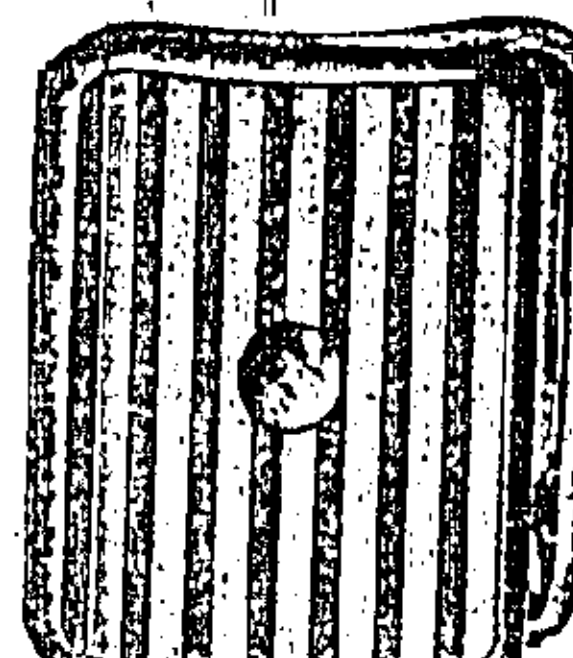
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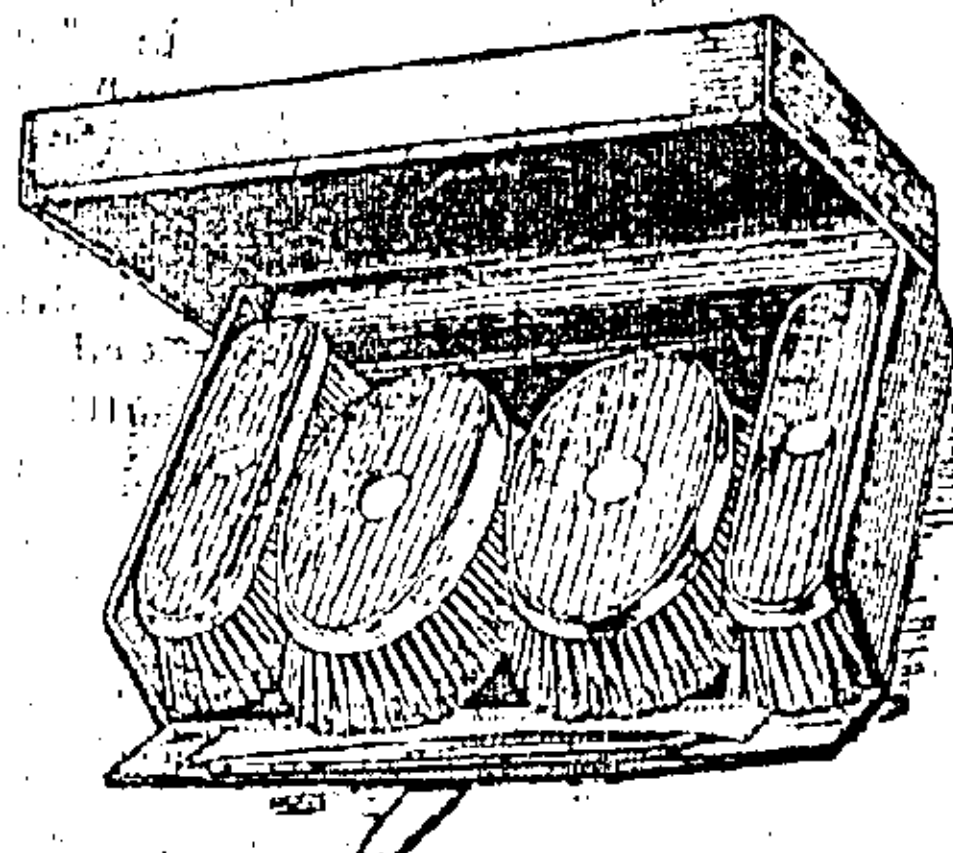
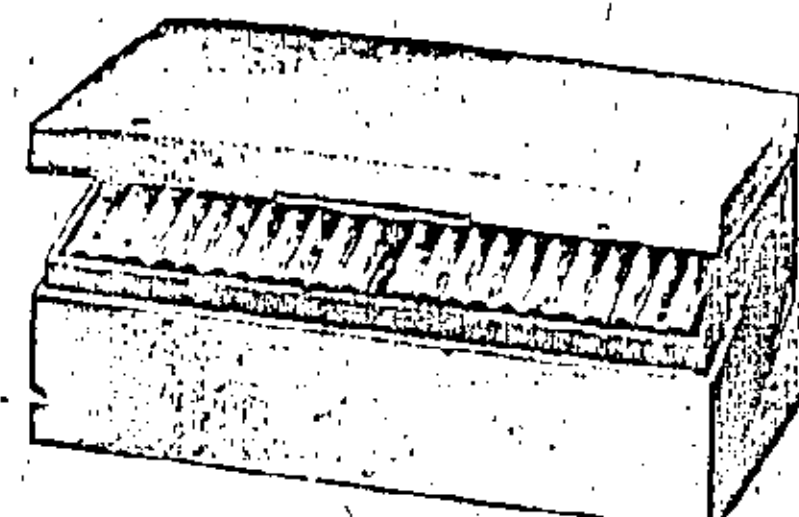
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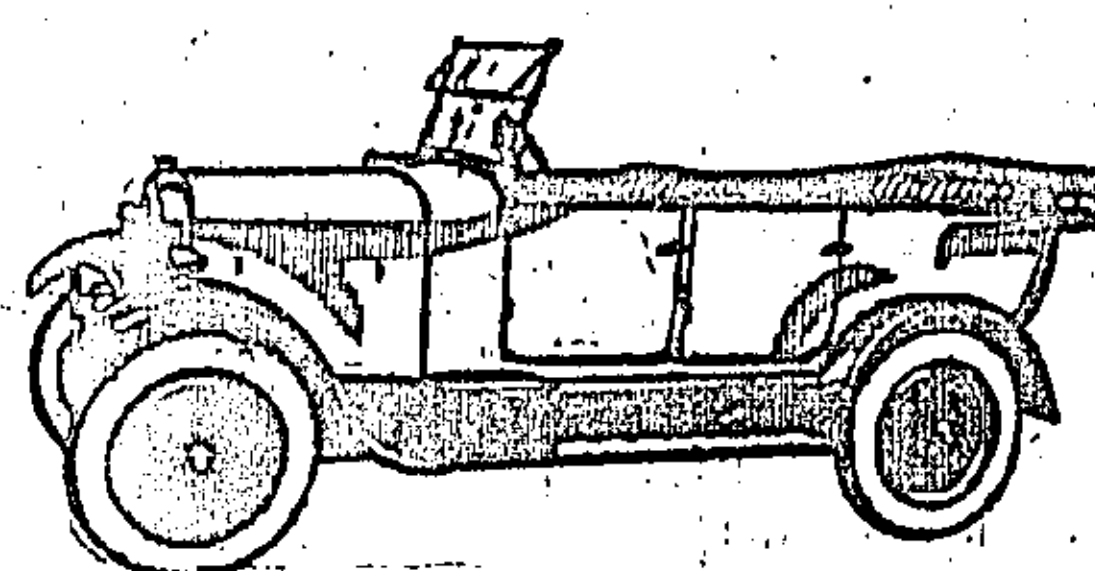
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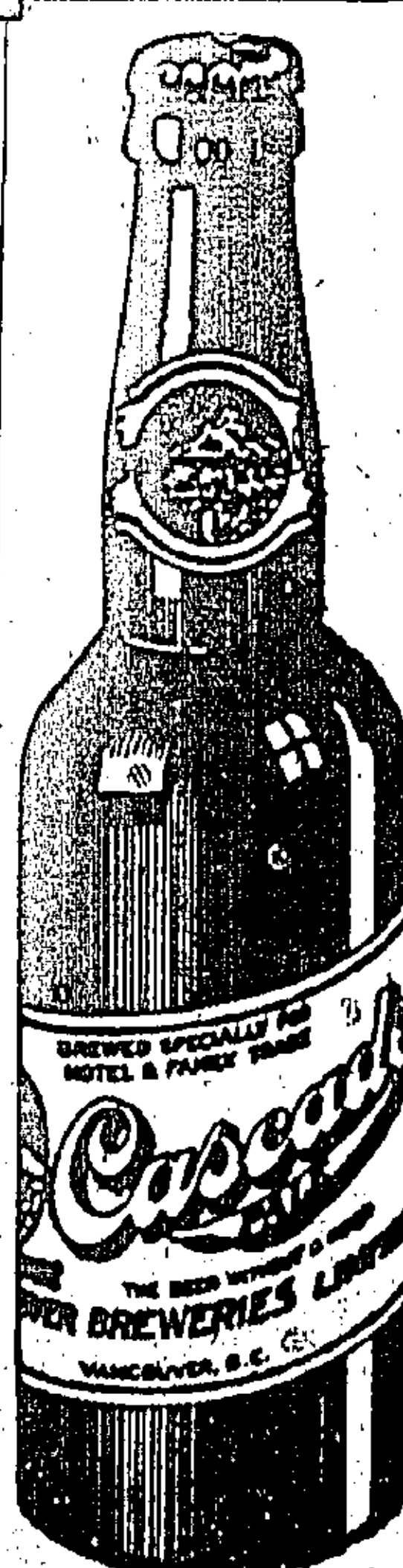
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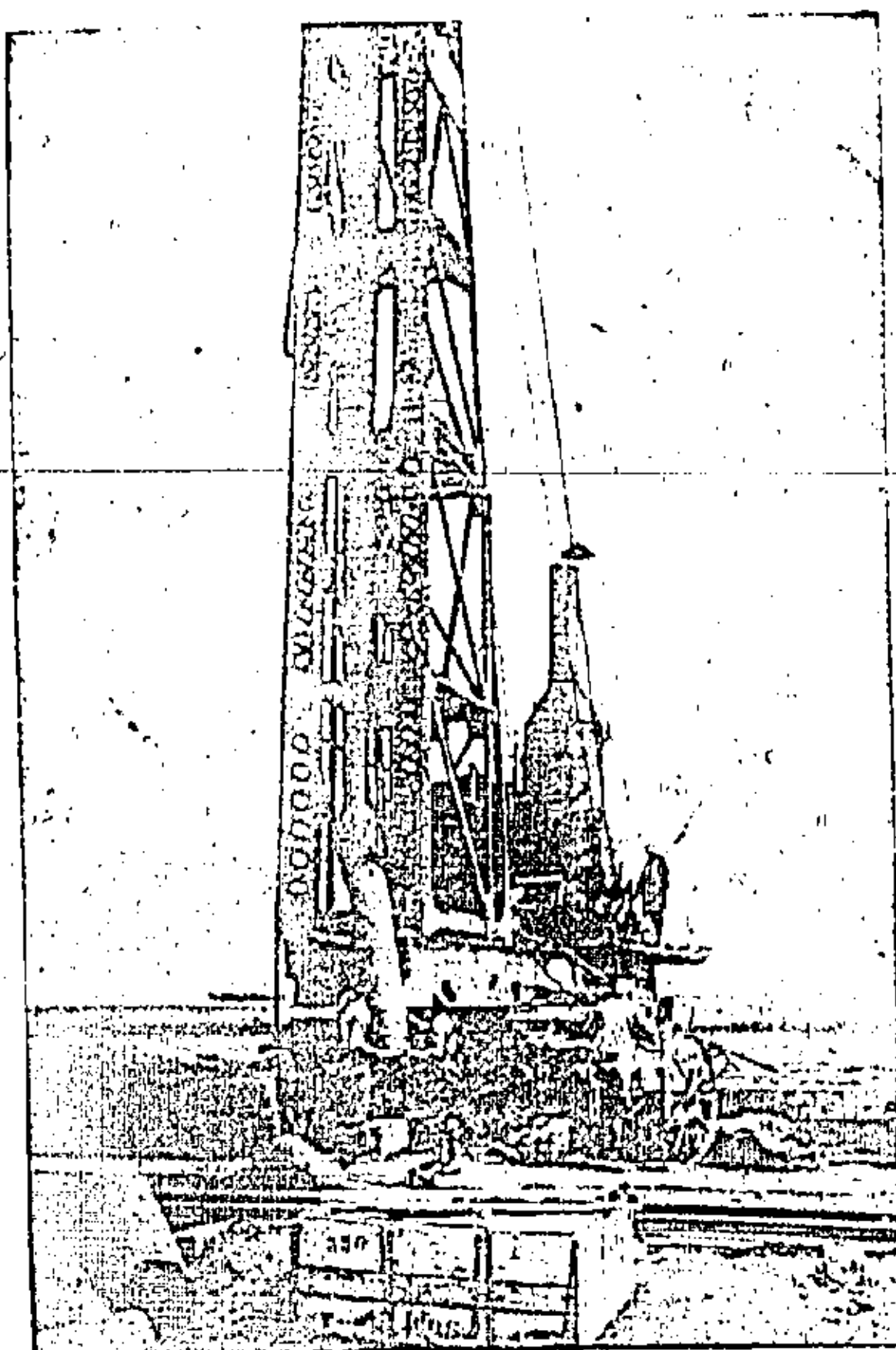


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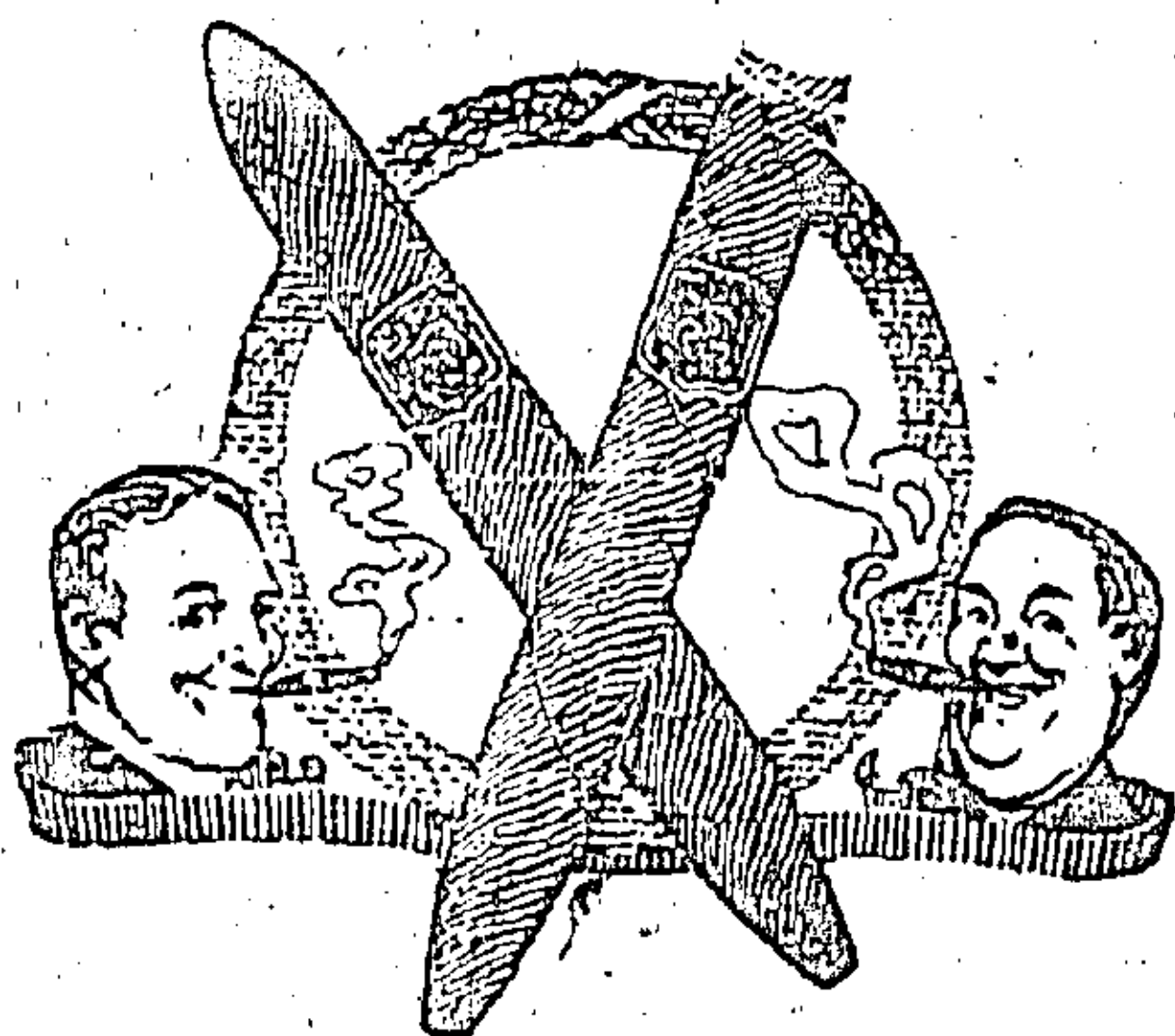
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## HOTEL POSSESSION CLAIM.

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A Curious Case.

Judgment has been delivered in the Summary Court by Mr. Justice J. R. Wood in a case in which the Wing On Company Ltd. sued for possession of Nos. 30 to 40, Woo Sung Street, Yau-mat, from the Chung Yuen Hotel Company Ltd.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin appeared for the plaintiffs at the hearing and Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K. C., for the defendants.

In the course of his judgment, His Honour said the premises were used mainly as an hotel and they constituted a "domestic tenement" within the meaning of the Hongkong Rents Ordinance of 1923. Plaintiffs acquired them by purchase in August, 1923. Defendant company was then tenant of the whole premises under a lease granted by a previous owner. It was for a period of five Chinese years from November 12, 1920. At the date of the issue of the writ in the case that lease had not expired. The lease contained a covenant against assignment. On May 22, 1924, the defendant company entered into a contract in writing by deed with the Hing Kee firm in respect of a part of the premises. The plaintiff company heard of this contract in the following month and then alleged a breach of covenant. It was agreed that any forfeiture incurred in respect of this alleged breach was waived by the plaintiff company. In fact they began an action and then withdrew it, after which the plaintiff company continued to receive rent under the lease from the defendant company until June 1, 1925.

### Covenant Broken.

It then came to the knowledge of the plaintiff company that the Hing Kee firm had, by a contract dated November, 1924, transferred the benefit of their contract with defendants to the Wing Shing firm. Plaintiffs claimed that this contract was entered into with the knowledge and consent of the defendant company, and was further acquiesced in by the defendant, who received rent from the Wing Shing firm. Plaintiffs claimed that this constituted a breach of the covenant and resulted in a forfeiture.

Plaintiffs' solicitors then wrote to the defendants informing them that unless they quitted the premises within a week legal proceedings would be taken to enforce their rights under the lease. The present proceedings then followed.

### The Contract.

The contract between the defendants and the Hing Kee had been produced. It was described as a lease but that description was without legal effect. The Hing Kee were described throughout as licensees and the defendants as "the company." It contained provisions allowing for the handing over of all furniture, fittings and utensils upon the premises, with full rights for the licensees to use them during the continuance of their license; also that the licensees should pay a monthly rent in respect of the licence and the furniture and fittings.

There was also a provision that they should keep the premises properly fitted up and decorated and in good repair, damage by fire alone being excepted. Under the contract the company were to be allowed the use of one floor for general meetings of the company in the day time and a room for board meetings at night free of charge. The company or its agents were to be allowed to enter and inspect at all reasonable times. The Hing Kee were not allowed to assign or otherwise dispose of the premises unless by the consent of the defendants in writing, and to deliver up the premises at the end of the licence.

The period named in that contract was identical with the balance of the term of the lease held by the defendant company.

### Involved a Breach.

In His Honour's opinion there was no doubt that this contract involved a breach of the covenant with the plaintiffs. It constituted an assignment of the balance of the term of the lease and was made without the required consent. It had been held, he added, that an owner giving up land for purposes which required practically exclusive occupation, he did not retain possession by reserving the right to enter and inspect. In this case

the purposes of an hotel did require an exclusive occupation for its conduct. The right to demand accommodation for board meetings, and to do repairs, did not, in his opinion, make sufficiently substantial material to indicate an intention to retain possession.

This breach of the covenant the plaintiffs had waived.

The plaintiffs set up a further and subsequent breach of the covenant, and relied upon it to gain possession of the premises. He considered the law applicable was English Common Law. His Honour quoted a case decided in 1603 and which was followed in England for 250 years, in which the ground of the decision was that the lessors of certain land had dispensed with an alienation which was contrary to the covenant in the lease and that they had thereby dispensed with all alienations thereafter.

### Law Altered.

The law so stated operated in England until 1859 when the Law of Property Amendment Act was passed in 1859. By that act restriction was placed on the effect of a licence to alienate. Future licences to assign or sub-let were held to extend only to the permission actually given. This statutory provision was adopted in Hongkong in 1873. After its passing in England the effect of the 1603 case upon questions of waiver still remained. The effect of a waiver by a lessor of a covenant not to assign without permission was restricted by a Law of Property Amendment Act in 1860 but the section of it which had bearing had not been adopted in any of the Ordinances of the Colony. The result was that he found himself bound to follow the rule of Dumper's case, the 1603 decision, and find that the waiver by the lessor of the earlier breach of the covenant had a general effect, and was not confined to a single breach. It was no longer possible for the plaintiffs to rely upon the clause containing the covenant. No forfeiture had occurred and the defendants were still entitled to the full benefit of their tenancy under the lease.

### Judgment for Defendants.

He therefore entered judgment for the defendants.

Continuing, His Honour remarked that Mr. Alabaster had questioned the jurisdiction of the Summary Court to entertain the claim, but it seemed to him that Section five of the Ordinance, from which the Summary Court derived its jurisdiction, had conferred on the court an exclusive jurisdiction to decide in the first instance the dispute between these parties on this point.

He also added that many points arose for consideration and he would venture to add that if the plaintiff company were to succeed in establishing a second breach of the covenant involving a forfeiture of the lease held by the defendant company, the defendants would no longer be able to rely upon the waiver as a basis for claiming the protection of the Rents Ordinance of 1922.

Argument followed on the question of costs, and at the conclusion His Honour entered judgment for the defendants with costs.

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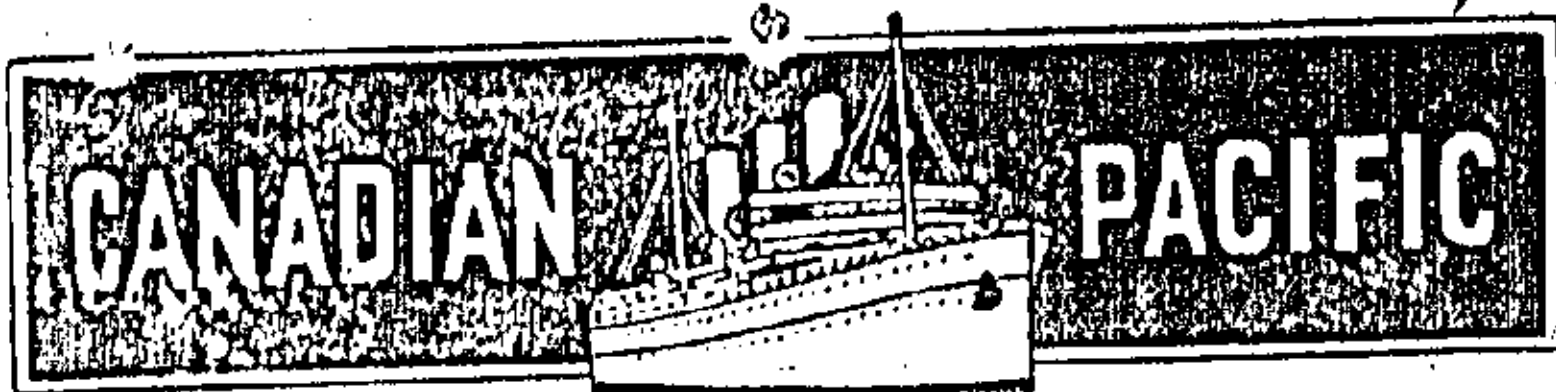
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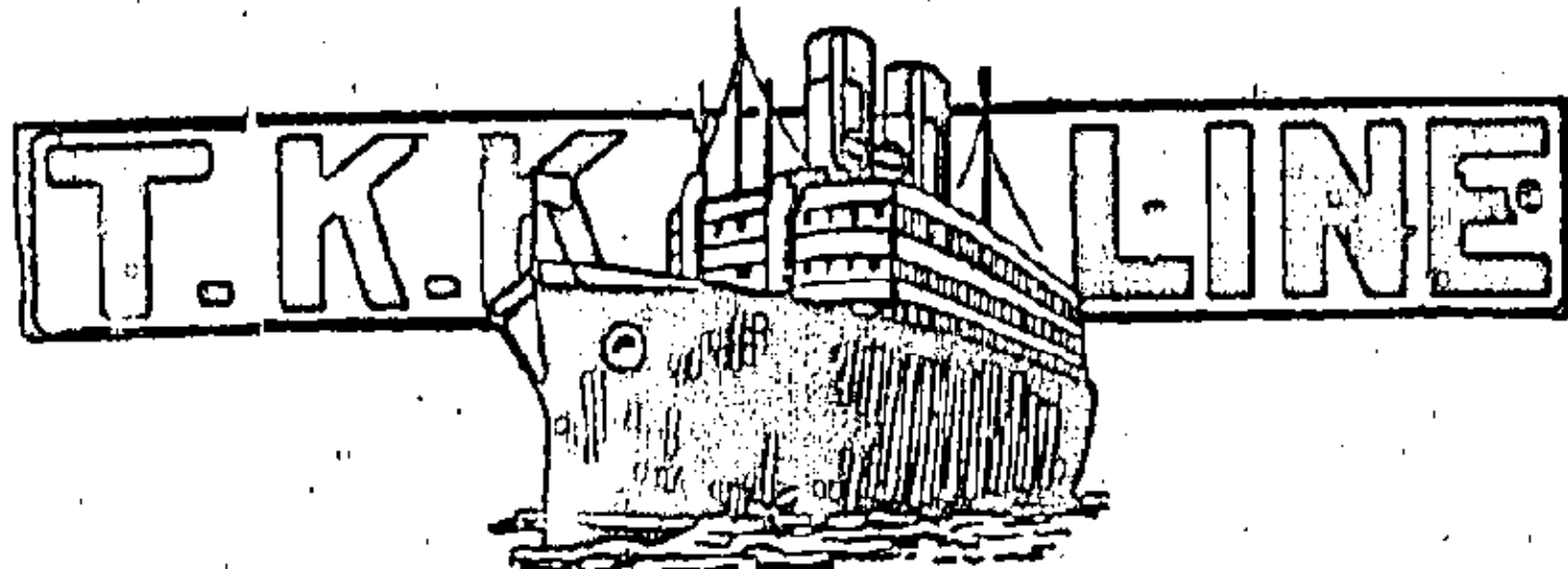
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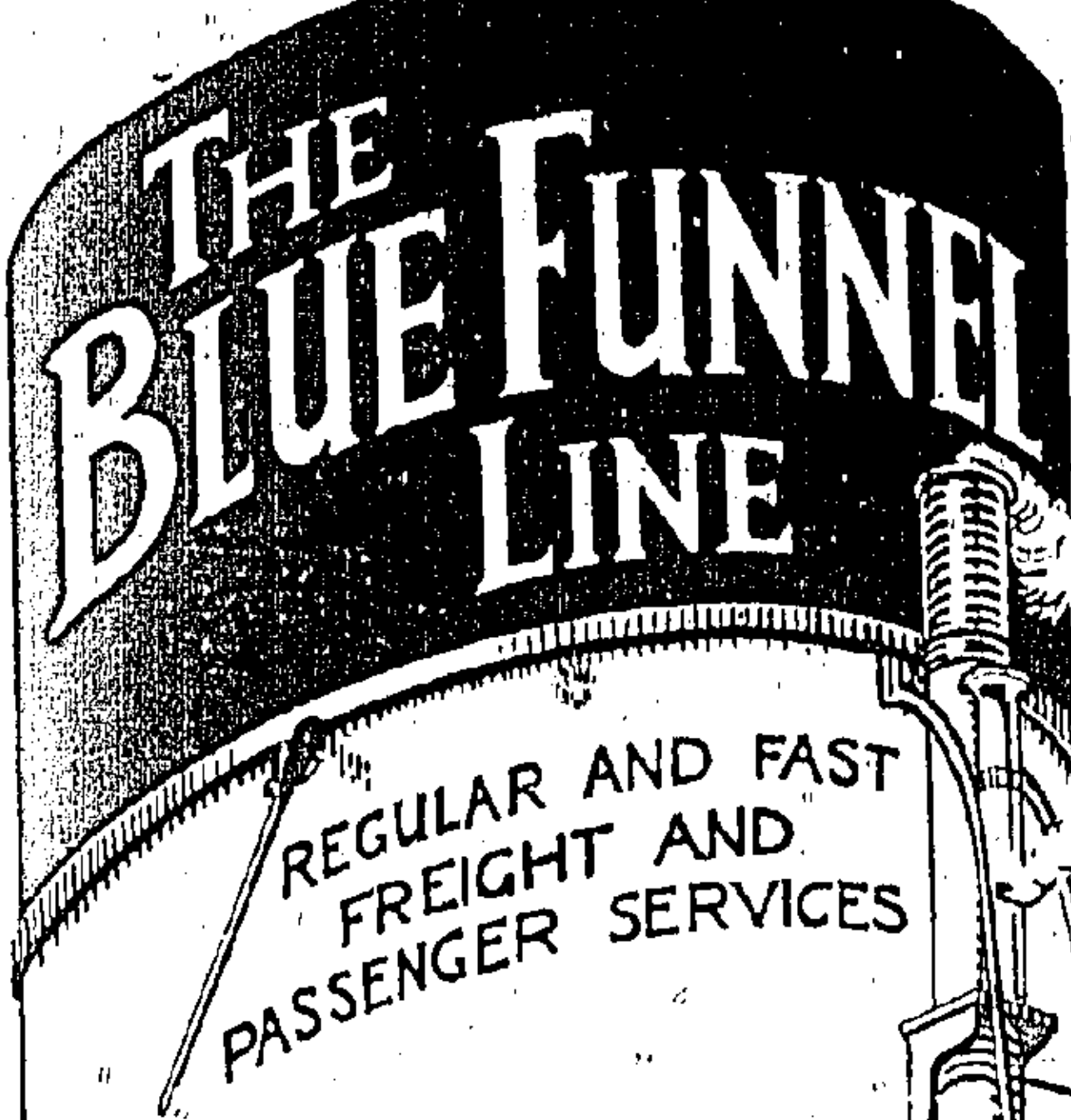
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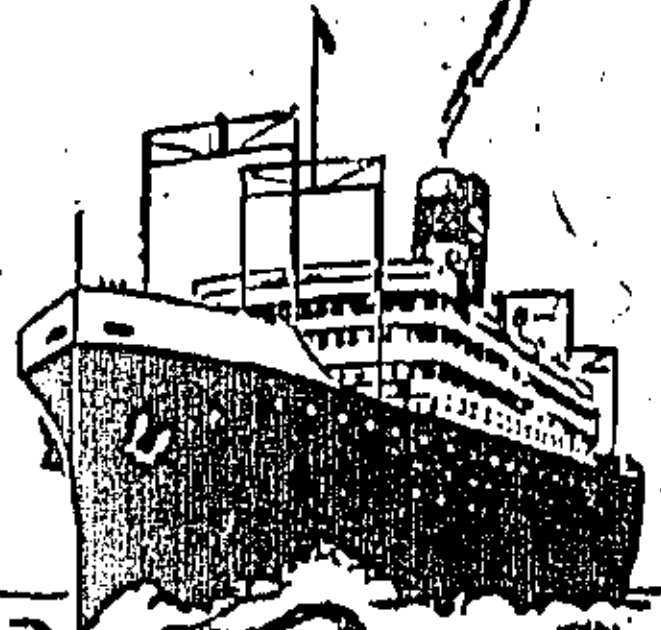
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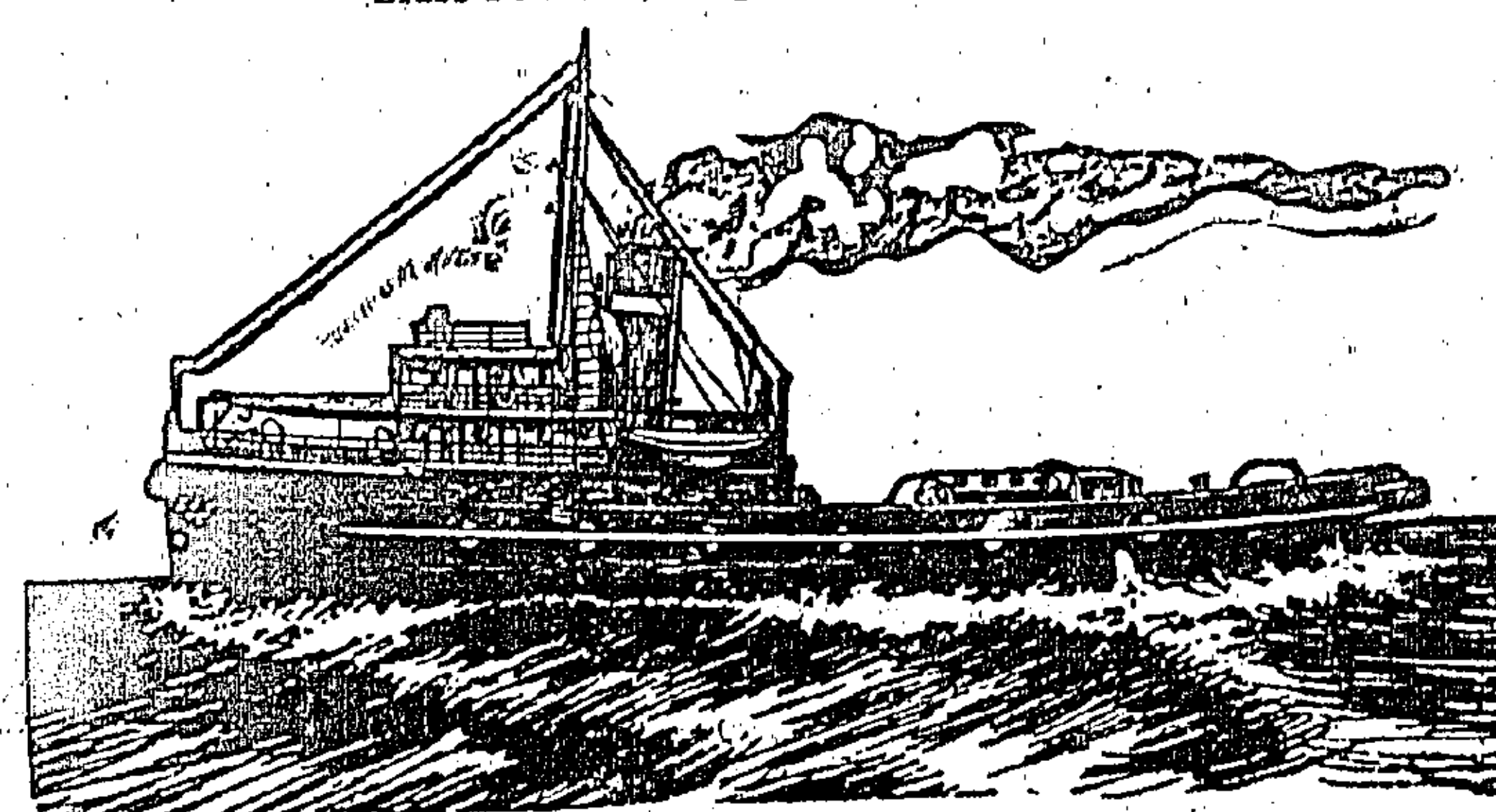
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## NAVY DEFEATS ARMY.

For the second time in the "Sim" hockey shield competition, the Navy tried conclusions with the Army at the U.S.R.C. ground, Kowloon, last evening, and succeeded in obtaining a verdict by the narrow margin of three goals to two, after a game that provided numerous thrills. Last week these teams met for the first time in the competition, and, somewhat unexpectedly, the match ended in a draw, with the score three goals each. That score left the teams level with three points each, and by obtaining a victory last evening, the Navy are now leading in the competition by two points.

In view of the previous draw, the game last evening was watched with more than ordinary interest, and on the whole the sailors deserved their win. The soldiers put up a plucky fight, and had they been able to produce that form last week, they would have been four points ahead instead of two.

As the score denotes, the match was by no means one-sided. Both teams had plenty of opportunities of scoring, but by dint of skilful play the Navy obtained more openings than the soldiers did. Twice the Navy got ahead, and twice the Army drew level, and at half-time the score was two each. The winning goal was obtained after the second half had been in progress for some time. A number of likely movements were initiated by the Army forwards, but the Navy defence proved to be too good for them.

Garwood in goal for the Navy played in convincing style, and was noticeable for some particularly good saves. Both Vauchep and Emley, backs, were sound in defensive play, and strengthened the forwards by means of well directed passes. Playing at centre-half, Simpson was all over the field, and Broome and King tackled and passed with ability. Fleet, on the left wing, had a hand in all the goals, and was one of the best forwards on the field, and it was largely through his resourcefulness that the Navy won. He showed fine understand-

ing with Hill. Wilson, at outside right, was very fast, but some of his centres could have been better placed. Nicholson, at inside right, played a helpful game throughout, and Sillitoe, as the leader, was very good in following up attacks.

As on the previous occasion, Sgt. Clarke, in goal for the Army, put up a fine show. He brought off some brilliant saves, and had a less capable keeper been in goal the sailors would have increased their lead. Sgt. Phillips, and Lieut. Smith often found themselves in difficulties in the second half, and found it hard to break up the combination of the opposing forwards. Capt. Allfree, at centre half put in good work, and Capt. Armstrong, and Lieut. Webb had their hands full to check the wings. Pte. Burgess at centre was one of the best forwards, and the inside men, Lieut. Wright Neville and Lt. Jacobs Lacombe, were tireless. Their combination, however, was not of the best. The wingers, Cpl. Masters (right), and Lieut. Dickens (left), were not seen to a great deal of advantage, but the former showed the better form.

The Navy developed a short attack at the start, but the movement was checked, and the Army took the ball to the other end. Burgess drove in a hard shot which Garwood saved with his pads. For a few minutes, play continued in the neighbourhood of the Navy goal, and then, by means of telling combination, the Army goal became endangered, and after some good play on both sides Sillitoe scored. From the bully-off, the soldiers attacked fiercely, but the sailors kept them out. Shortly afterwards, however, Burgess levelled the scores with a shot that gave Garwood no chance. After fluctuating play, Hill put the Navy ahead again, but before the interval Burgess again brought the scores level.

On resuming, the game was very even for a time, a good deal of midfield play taking place. Gradually the play developed near the goals, both sides attacking in turn, but with no effect, although both goal keepers had an anxious time. When the second half was well advanced, the sailors began to show superior form, but the Army backs stood up to the well, and for a time there was no further scoring. Eventually, from a run down by

## SOVIET AND LEAGUE.

## ATTITUDE OF HOSTILITY.

Berlin, Dec. 22.  
M. Chicherin conferred with Herr Stresemann here, chiefly on economic questions. He declared to the press that the Soviet Government remains hostile to the League of Nations.—Indopacifi.

## SYRIA QUIETER.

## POPULATION RETURNING.

Paris, Dec. 22.  
Latest news from Syria is that M. de Jouvenel the High Commissioner, has fixed the date of the elections in Sandjak, and in the Alouites for the 8th and 22nd January, respectively. Portions of the population which had formerly joined the rebel bands are beginning to return to civilian life.—Indopacifi.

Fleet, Nicholson secured the winning goal for the Navy.

## WIN FOR SURREYS.

At the Marina ground, Kowloon, last evening, the Hongkong Hockey Club second eleven met a team from "C" Company of the East Surreys, and were defeated by three goals to two. For the first quarter of an hour, the Club played with two men short, and during that time the soldiers obtained the lead. Before the interval, Lyon levelled the scores. Shortly after the second half had started, Exell was injured, and was practically a passenger for the rest of the game. Before the end, the Surreys obtained two more goals and Lyon added a second for the Club.

The soldiers played a remarkably fine game, their forwards combining with great ability. On the other hand, the shooting of the Club forwards was weak, and many opportunities were lost.

## NEW SECRETARY.

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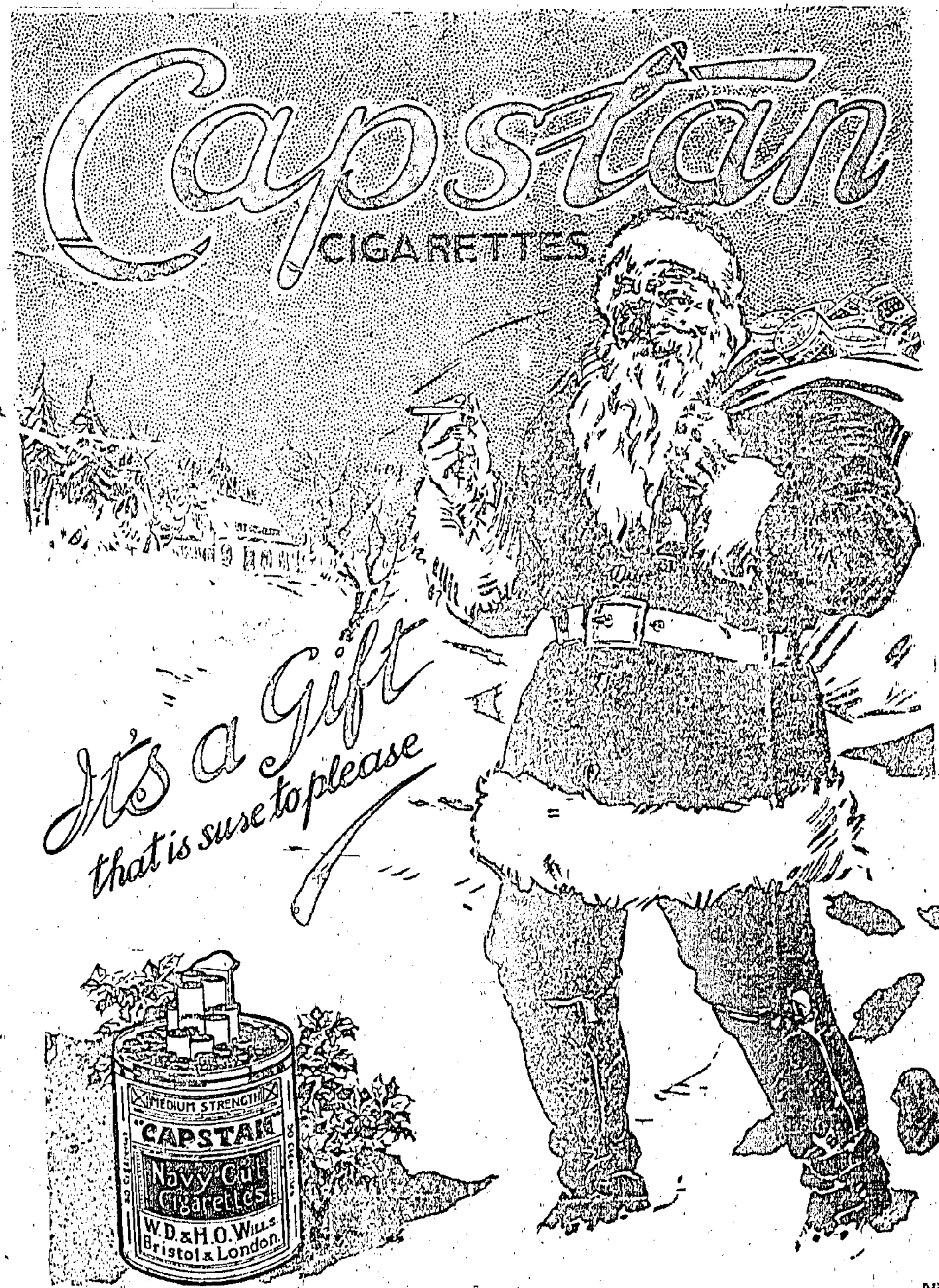
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